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**BASEBALL
HERO**





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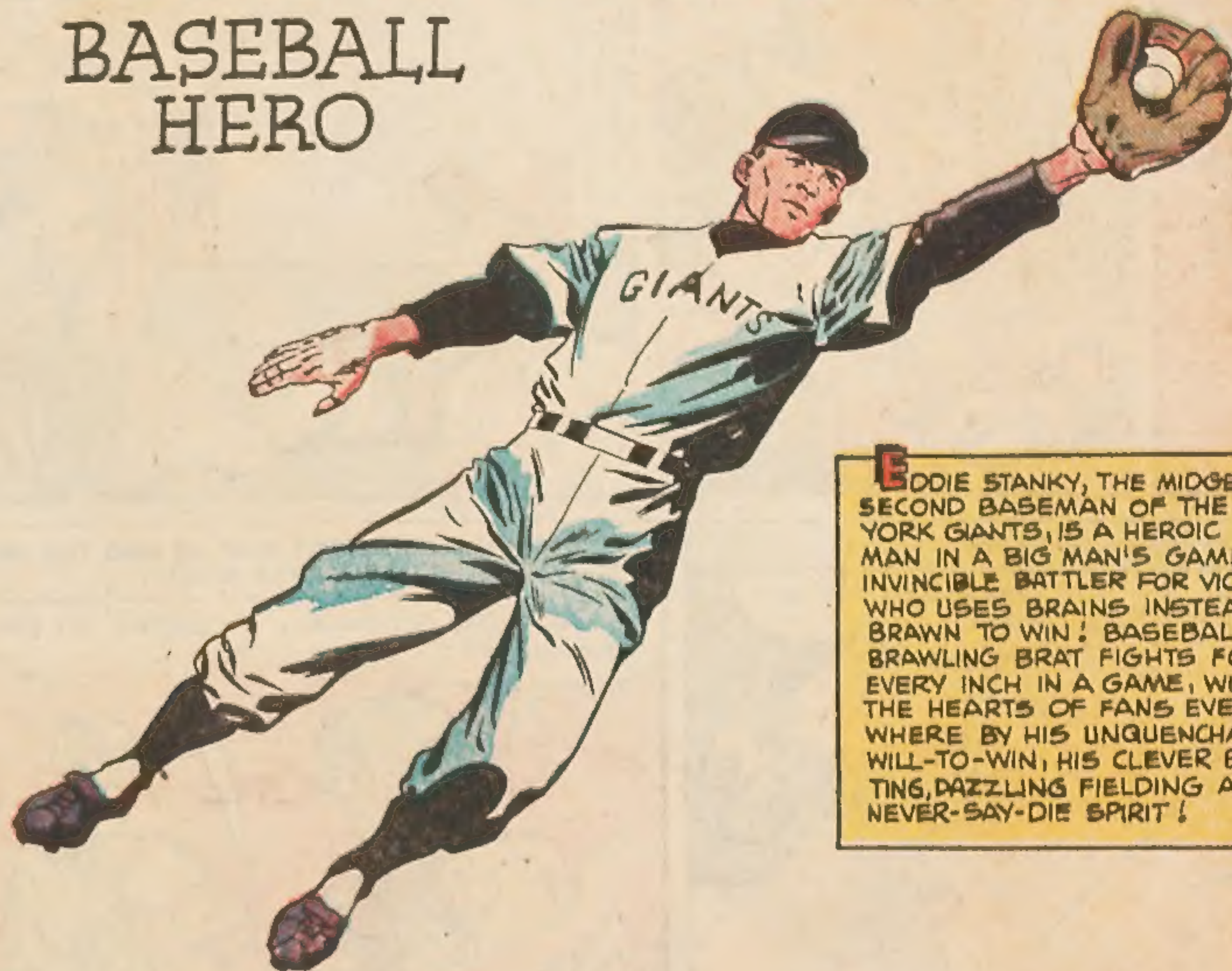
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EDDIE STANKY

BASEBALL HERO



EDDIE STANKY, THE MIDGET SECOND BASEMAN OF THE NEW YORK GIANTS, IS A HEROIC LITTLE MAN IN A BIG MAN'S GAME, AN INVINCIBLE BATTLER FOR VICTORY WHO USES BRAINS INSTEAD OF BRAIN TO WIN! BASEBALL'S BRAWLING BRAT FIGHTS FOR EVERY INCH IN A GAME, WINNING THE HEARTS OF FANS EVERYWHERE BY HIS UNQUENCHABLE WILL-TO-WIN, HIS CLEVER BATTING, DAZZLING FIELDING AND NEVER-SAY-DIE SPIRIT!

WRITTEN BY CHARLES DEXTER

TOO SMALL TO BE A BATTING CHAMPION, EDDIE HAS HIT OVER .300 DURING 8 SEASONS! HE LED THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION IN 1942 WITH A .342 BATTING AVERAGE!

OUT OF MY WAY, YA BIG BRUISER!

O.K., EDDIE!



THRICE DOUBLE-PLAY CHAMPION OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE AND FIELDING LEADER OF SECOND BASEMEN, EDDIE IS NEITHER FAST NOR HAS A GOOD ARM. BUT...

ZINGO!



...EDDIE GETS ON BASE MORE THAN ANY BIG LEAGUER, HOLDING BASE-ON-BALL RECORDS EACH YEAR--- 148 IN 1945!



EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

FRANK STANKY, A LEATHER GLAZER WHO LIVED IN PHILADELPHIA'S KENSINGTON SECTION, WAS A PROUD FATHER, WHEN HIS WIFE, ANNA, PRESENTED HIM WITH A SECOND SON, EDWARD RAYMOND STANKY, ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1917.

EDDIE WAS BORN WITH A FIGHTING SPIRIT.

DON'T WANT THAT OATMEAL, MOM.

ALL RIGHT, EDDIE.



EDDIE'S HARDWORKING FATHER FOUND HIS ONLY RECREATION IN BASEBALL, WHICH HE PLAYED IN A SEMI-PRO LEAGUE.

YOU COME WITH ME TODAY, EDDIE! I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU BASEBALL.

AW, PA, I WANNA READ THE FUNNIES!

BETTER GO, EDDIE. MAYBE YOU'LL BE A BIG LEAGUER SOME DAY.



WHEN EDDIE WAS FIVE YEARS OLD....

HOW'S THAT, PA?

NICE UNDERHAND THROW, EDDIE!



EDDIE CONTINUED TO TAKE BASEBALL LESSONS AND SOON CAME TO LOVE THE GAME.



EDDIE SOON DISCOVERED THAT HE WAS THE SMALLEST BOY ON KENSINGTON AVENUE.

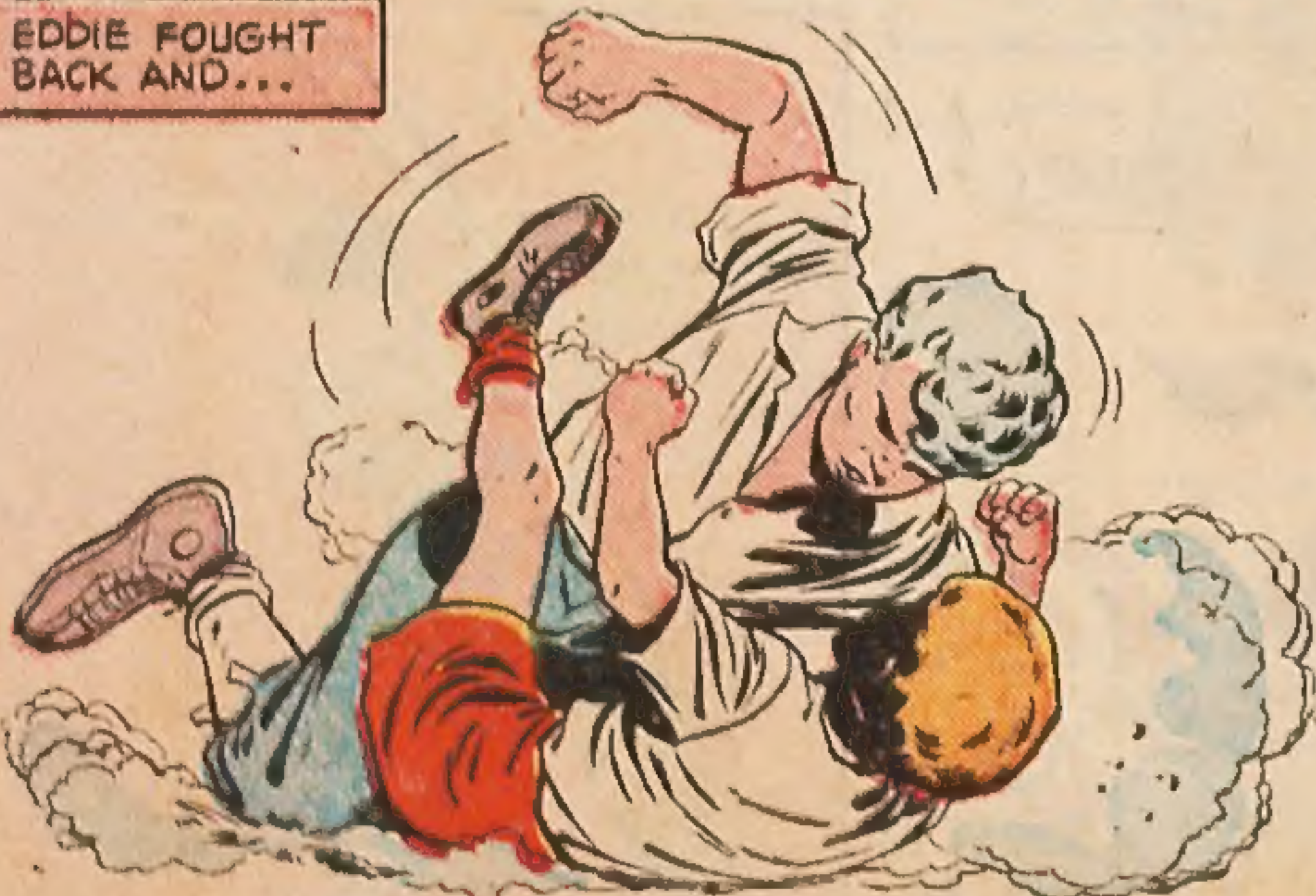
G'WAN HOME TO MAMA, SMALL FRY!

GIMME MY BALL!



EDDIE FOUGHT BACK AND...

...ALTHOUGH LICKED BY THE BULLY...



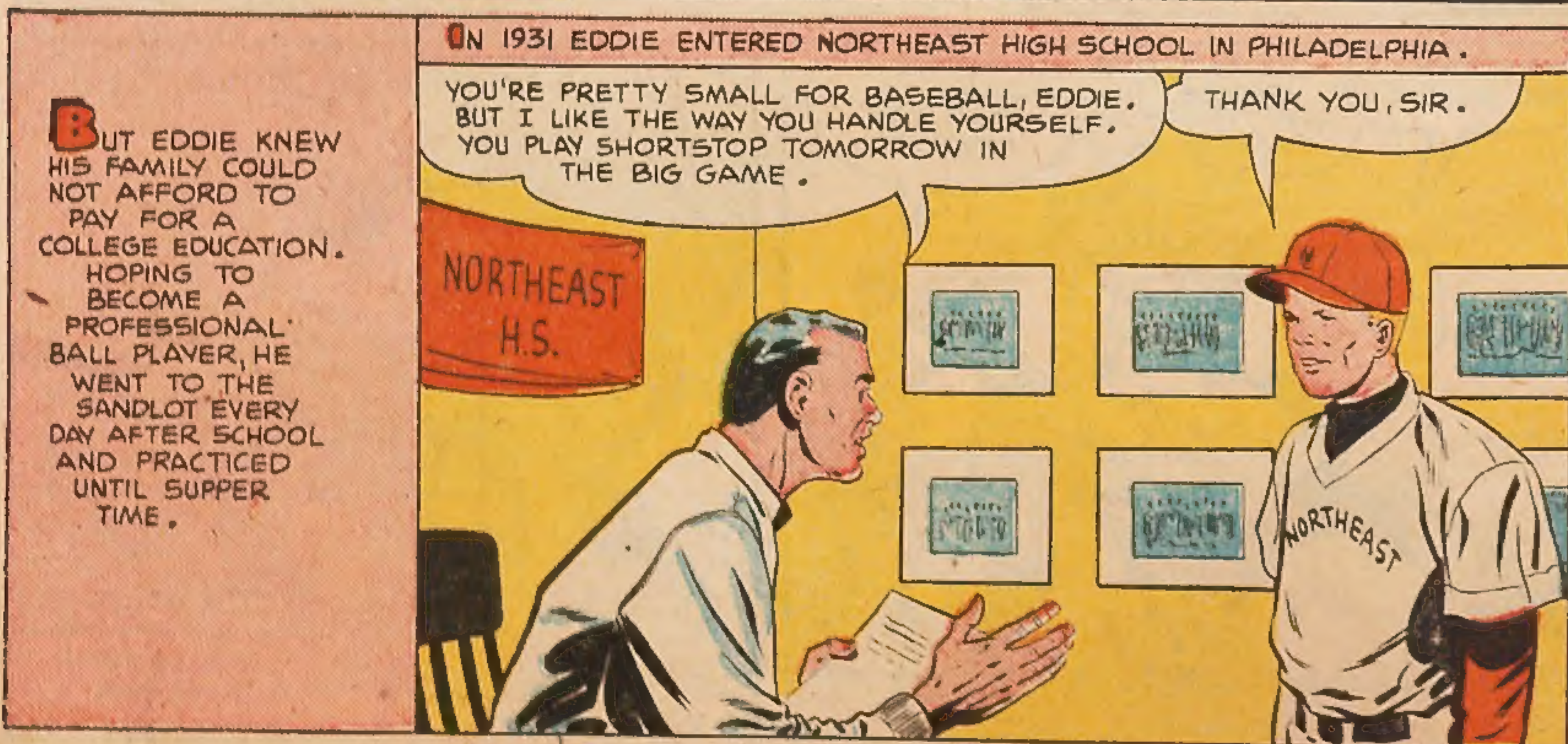
YA, YA.... I GOT THE BALL!



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EDDIE FIELDLED BRILLIANTLY FOR NORTHEAST HIGH.

WOW! WHAT A STOP!



BUT AT BAT---

HECK! MUFFED THAT ONE!

I GOT IT!



EDDIE'S BATTING AVERAGE WAS ONLY .234 IN 1933.

MEANWHILE, EDDIE EXCELLED IN WEEKLY SOCCER GAMES!



THAT'S FIVE FOR TODAY!

GOAL FOR STANKY!



ONE DAY-- I'M COACH OF HARROWGATE ATHLETIC CLUB TEAM, EDDIE. WE WANT YOU TO PLAY SHORT-STOP FOR US AFTER YOU GRADUATE. YOU'LL BE PAID ALL EXPENSES.. INTERESTED?

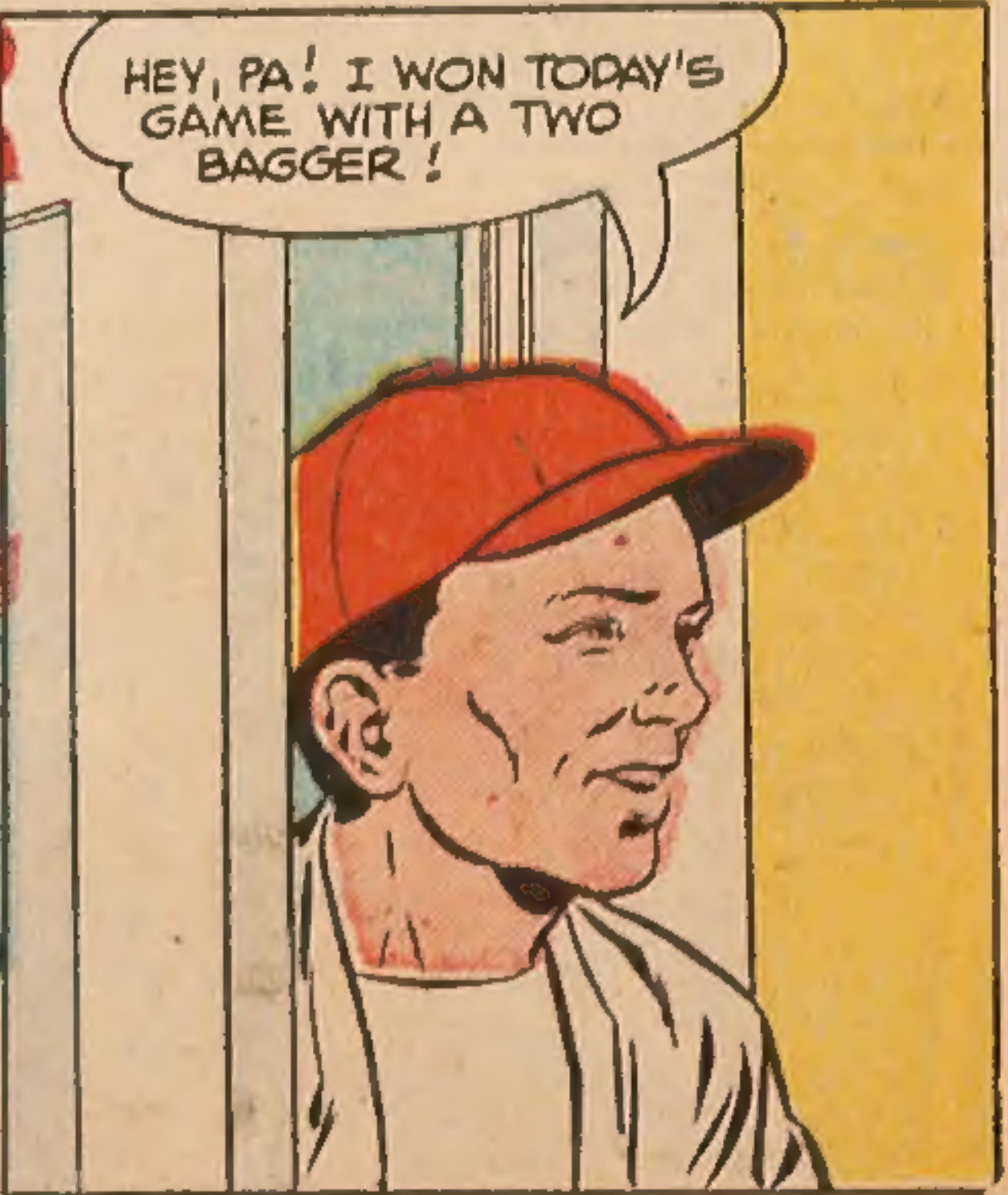
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME, SIR.



IN THE TWILIGHT LEAGUE, EDDIE'S FIELDING WAS AS BRILLIANT AS EVER, AND HIS HITTING IMPROVED.



HEY, PA! I WON TODAY'S GAME WITH A TWO BAGGER!



EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO



I HAVE A SURPRISE FOR YOU EDDIE — A VISITOR!

WHO IS IT, DAD?



THIS IS MR. ANDERSON OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, EDDIE.

HOW DO YOU DO, SIR?

I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU PLAY FOR SOME TIME, EDDIE. IF YOU'D CARE TO ENTER TEMPLE, WE COULD ARRANGE AN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR YOU.



THAT'S WONDERFUL, MR. ANDERSON!

WE THINK YOU ARE ONE OF THE BEST PROSPECTS IN PHILADELPHIA, EDDIE!



NOW YOU'LL HAVE A COLLEGE EDUCATION, AS WE ALWAYS HOPED, EDDIE!

HURRAY! TEMPLE HAS A WONDERFUL BASEBALL TEAM!

BASEBALL?



WE'RE NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR PLAYING BASEBALL, EDDIE. WE WANT YOU TO PLAY SOCCER.

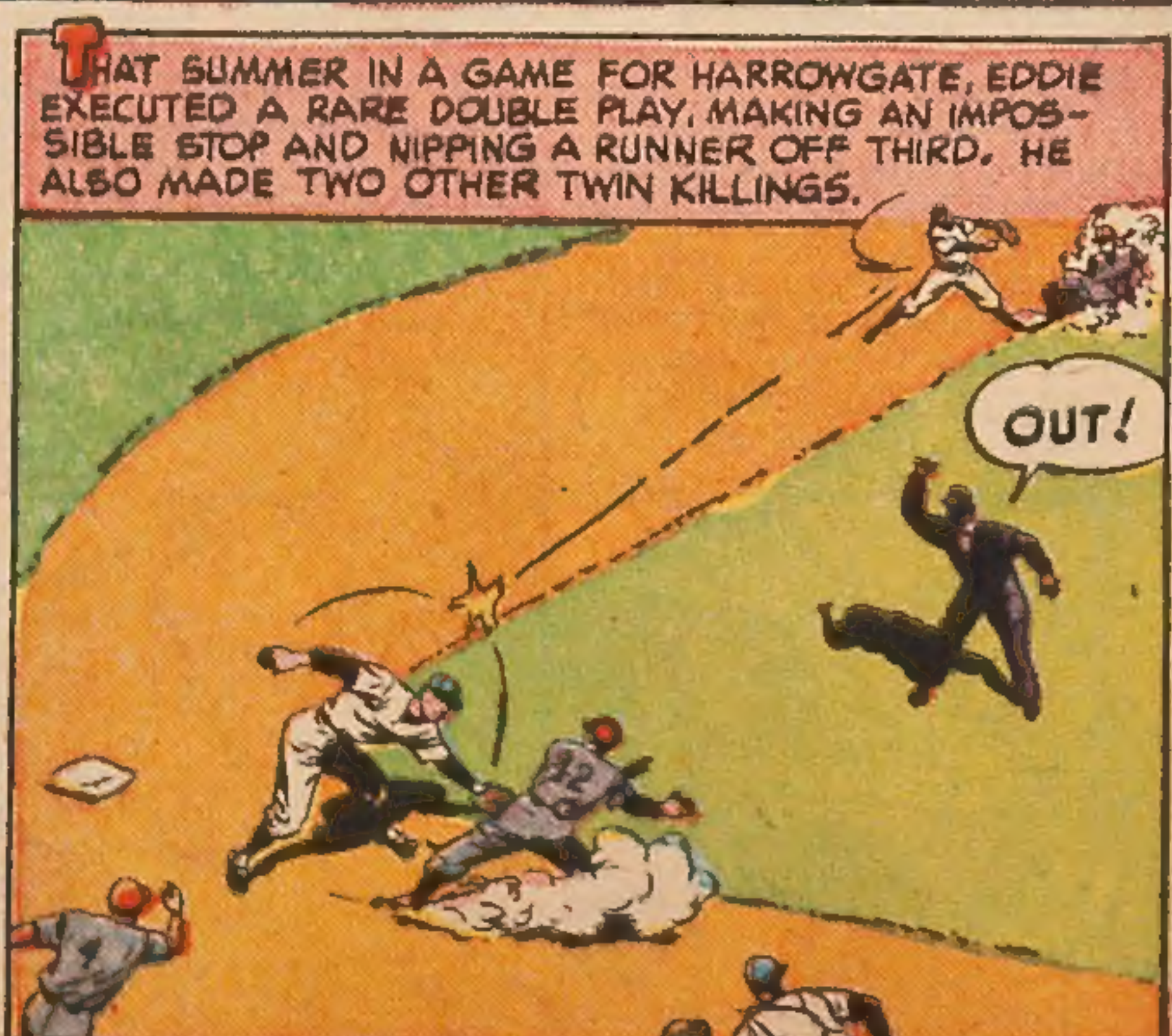
SOCCER? I'M SORRY, MR. ANDERSON. I'M NOT INTERESTED IN THAT GAME!



AFTER MR. ANDERSON DEPARTED, EDDIE AND HIS FATHER ARGUED INTO THE WEE HOURS OF THE NIGHT, AND...

BUT, EDDIE, THINK WHAT A COLLEGE EDUCATION WILL MEAN TO YOU!

WE'RE POOR, THERE'S NO FUTURE IN SOCCER. I'M GOING TO CONCENTRATE ON BASEBALL, AND SOME DAY I'LL BE IN THE BIG LEAGUES!



THAT SUMMER IN A GAME FOR HARROWGATE, EDDIE EXECUTED A RARE DOUBLE PLAY, MAKING AN IMPOSSIBLE STOP AND NIPPING A RUNNER OFF THIRD. HE ALSO MADE TWO OTHER TWIN KILLINGS.

OUT!

EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

ON THE SAME GAME, EDDIE WALKED TWICE, SINGLED AND DOUBLED!



TAKE YOUR BASE!

AFTER THAT GAME.....

I'M PHIL HAGGERTY, SCOUT OF THE PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS, EDDIE. CAN YOU COME TO OUR OFFICE AT SHIBE PARK TOMORROW MORNING?



CAN I? I'LL BE THERE WITH BELLS ON, MR. HAGGERTY!

THAT NIGHT EDDIE WAS TOO EXCITED TO SLEEP. IN THE MORNING HE WENT TO SHIBE PARK.

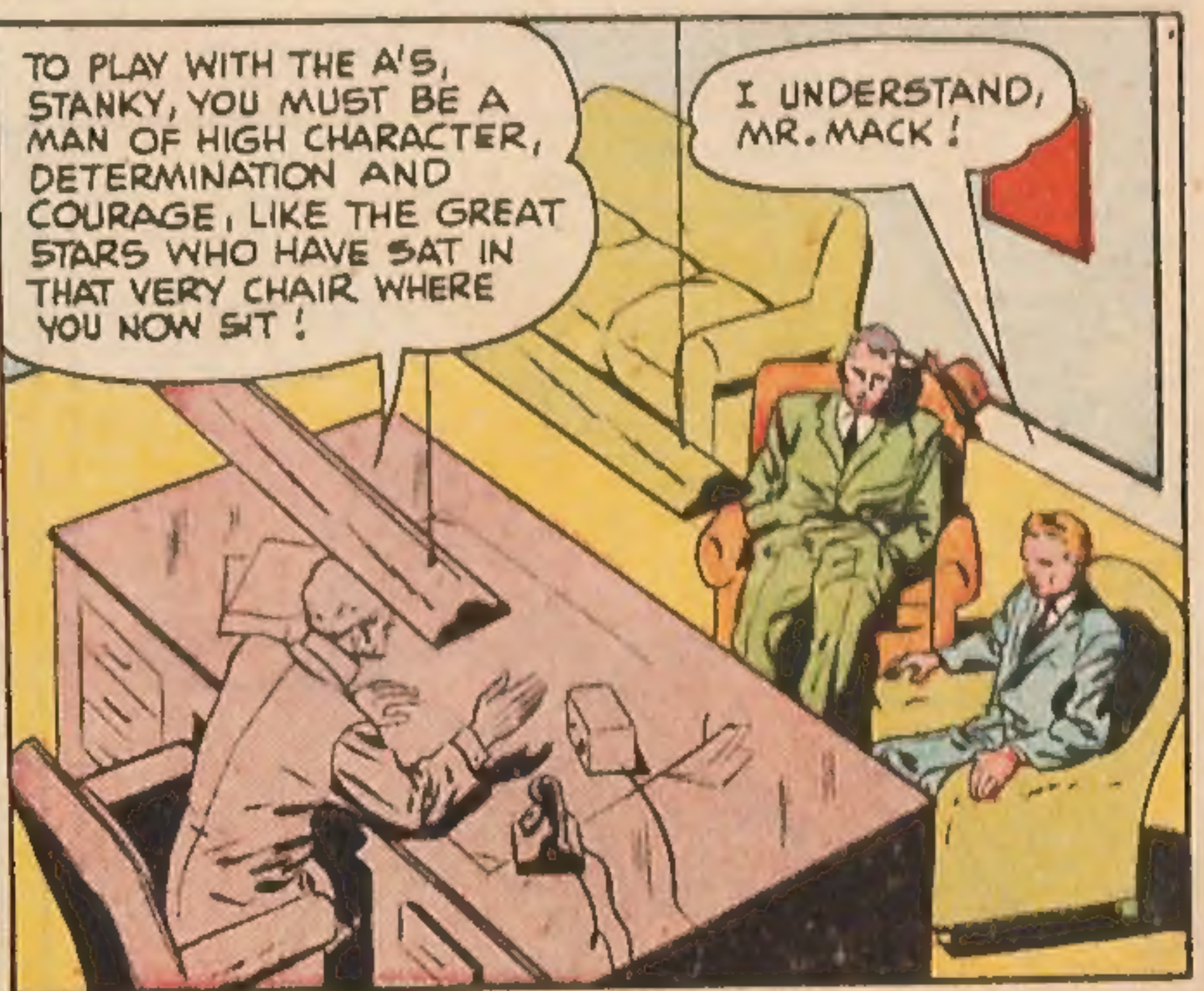
JUST LISTEN TO WHAT MR. MACK SAYS, EDDIE. ANSWER HIS QUESTIONS FRANKLY.

I'LL DO THE BEST I CAN, MR. HAGGERTY!



TO PLAY WITH THE A'S, STANKY, YOU MUST BE A MAN OF HIGH CHARACTER, DETERMINATION AND COURAGE, LIKE THE GREAT STARS WHO HAVE SAT IN THAT VERY CHAIR WHERE YOU NOW SIT!

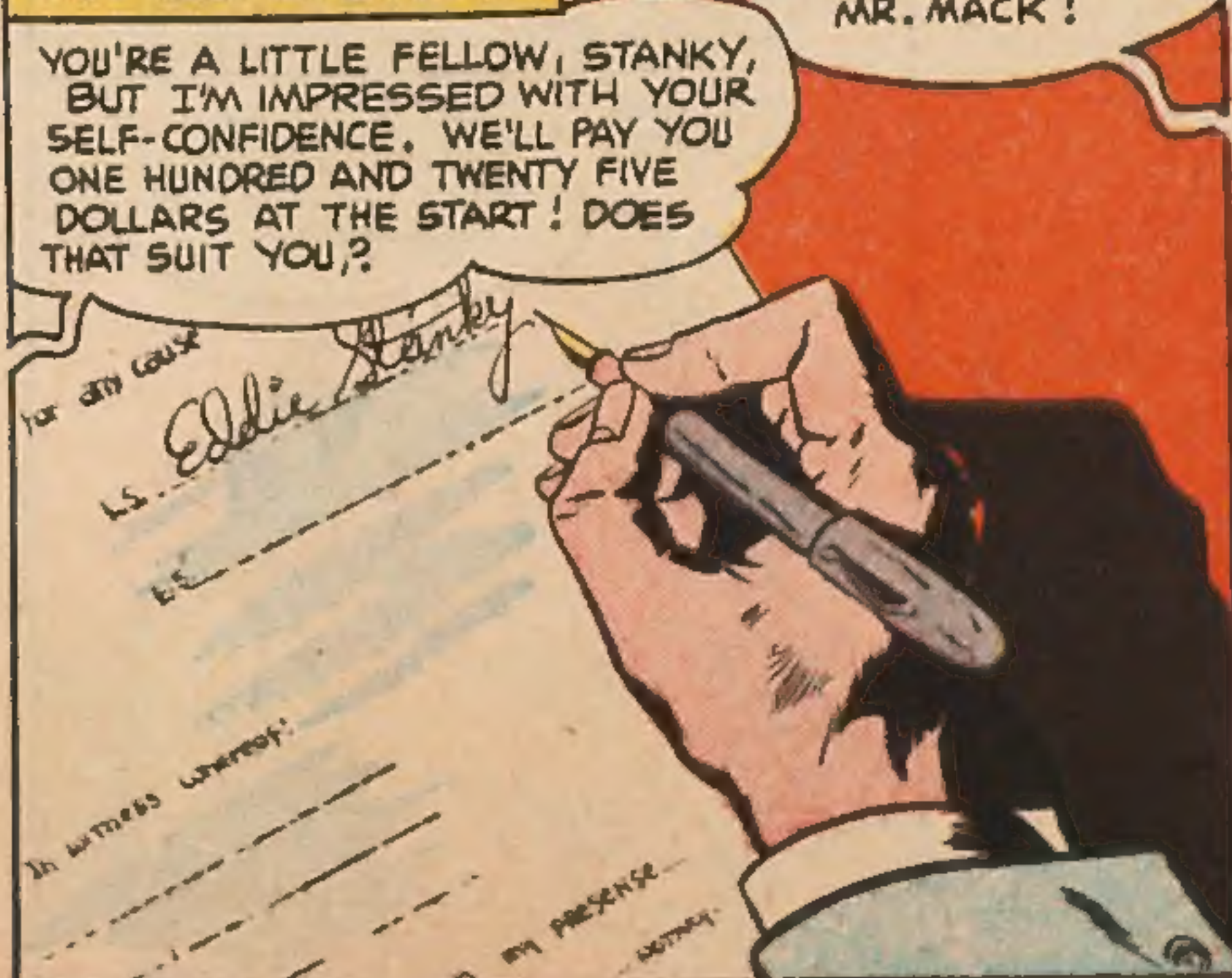
I UNDERSTAND, MR. MACK!



AN HOUR LATER.....

YOU'RE A LITTLE FELLOW, STANKY, BUT I'M IMPRESSED WITH YOUR SELF-CONFIDENCE. WE'LL PAY YOU ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS AT THE START! DOES THAT SUIT YOU?

IT CERTAINLY DOES, MR. MACK!



MA! DAD! I'M IN BASEBALL! WHOOPEE!



EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

MONTHS PASSED BEFORE EDDIE RECEIVED A LETTER NOTIFYING HIM TO REPORT TO GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, IN MARCH, 1935...

GOODBYE, MOTHER! SO LONG, DAD!

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, SON. IT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE BEEN AWAY FROM HOME.

PLAY YOUR HARDEST, BOY!

AND EDDIE DID PLAY HARD, HITTING SHARPLY DURING HIS FIRST WEEK AS A PRO PLAYER. BUT HE HAD TO BATTLE CONSTANTLY BECAUSE OF HIS SMALL SIZE. ONE DAY HE LINED A LONG DRIVE TO LEFT. SLIDING INTO SECOND...

WHERE DO YA THINK YOU'RE GOING HALF PINT?

OOOF!

OUT!

IN ANOTHER GAME, EDDIE COVERED SECOND AS A RUNNER TRIED TO STEAL, BUT...

OUTTA MY WAY, SMALL FRY!

OOOO!

SAFE!

AT BAT, EDDIE WAS OFTEN WALKED BECAUSE OF HIS SMALL SIZE. ONE DAY...

THAT'LL TEACH YA, STANKY!

ON THE NEXT PITCH ---

HA-HA!

OWW!

BENCHED WITH A SORE HIP FOR THREE DAYS, EDDIE RETURNED TO THE GAME, BUT HIS BATTING FELL OF TO .155 BY THE MIDDLE OF MAY.

I HATE THIS FATBACK! MY MOTHER KNOWS HOW TO COOK GOOD ROAST BEEF!

YOU NO'THENERS GOT BIG IDEAS!

ROAST BEEF? AT THESE PRICES?

DRINK Coca Cola

ON JUNE 1ST EDDIE DREW HIS FIRST MONTH'S PAY.

FIVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY CENTS?

THAT'S ALL WE OWE YOU, STANKY. YOU DREW THE REST IN ADVANCE!

EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

HOMESICK, LONELY AND WITHOUT MONEY, EDDIE WENT TO HIS BOARDINGHOUSE ROOM AND WROTE A DESPAIRING NOTE HOME.

DEAR MOM,
PLEASE SEND ME
MONEY FOR TRAIN FARE
BACK HOME. I AM VERY
UNHAPPY.

DAY AFTER DAY EDDIE
WAITED FOR A REPLY, BUT...

NOTHING FOR YOU
TODAY, MR. STANKY.

GENERAL
DELIVERY

EDDIE RETURNED FROM A ROAD TRIP A
WEEK LATER TO FIND A LETTER WAITING.
OVERJOYED, HE RUSHED TO HIS ROOM,
TORE OPEN THE ENVELOPE, AND...

instantly
if you must quit
don't come in over here
don't live with
in the Stanky family.

OH, MOM. WHAT
SHOULD I DO?

TWO HOURS PASSED, THEN EDDIE GOT UP WITH NEW
DETERMINATION AND DRESSED TO GO TO THE BALLPARK.

I'LL STAY IN BASEBALL! I'LL
MAKE GOOD! NOTHING WILL
SCARE ME AGAIN! NO ONE
WILL STAND IN MY WAY —
UNTIL I MAKE THE BIG
LEAGUES!

IN THAT DAY'S GAME A RUNNER TWICE EDDIE'S SIZE
BARGED ROUGHLY INTO SECOND BASE, BUT...

OUT!

UGH!

WHAT'S THE IDEA
OF TAGGING ME
ON THE CHIN,
STANKY?

YOU GUYS AREN'T
GOING TO BULLDOZE
ME ANYMORE! I
DON'T CARE HOW
BIG YOU ARE!

EDDIE STANKY. BASEBALL HERO

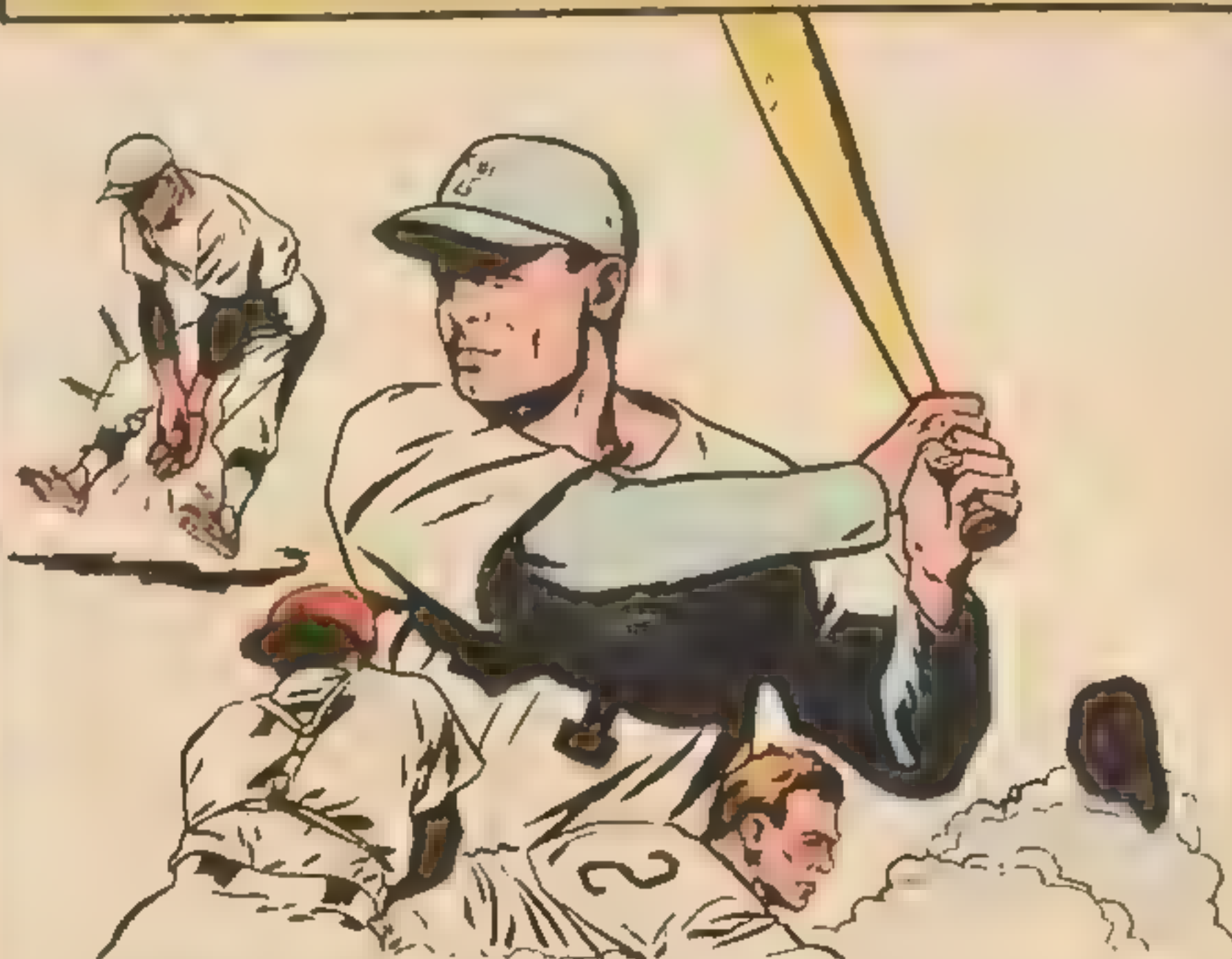
AT BAT EDDIE HAD TO DUCK MANY DUSTERS AIMED AT HIS HEAD.

LOW BRIDGE!



...BUT THIS ENABLED HIM TO GET MORE BASES ON BALLS AND HIS BATTING AVERAGE ROSE TO .301! IN 1936 HE WAS PROMOTED TO WILLIAMSPORT IN THE CLASS C NEW YORK-PENNSYLVANIA LEAGUE, THEN TRANSFERRED TO PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, IN THE CLASS B PIEDMONT LEAGUE.

AND FOR THREE MORE YEARS EDDIE PLAYED HARD, WINNING BALL IN THE MINORS, TRAVELING BY BUS FROM TOWN TO TOWN, EATING IN CHEAP BEANERIES, SLEEPING IN BOARDINGHOUSES!



EDDIE BATTED .337 FOR PORTSMOUTH IN 1936 AND LED THE PIEDMONT LEAGUE WITH 137 BASES ON BALLS IN 1938!

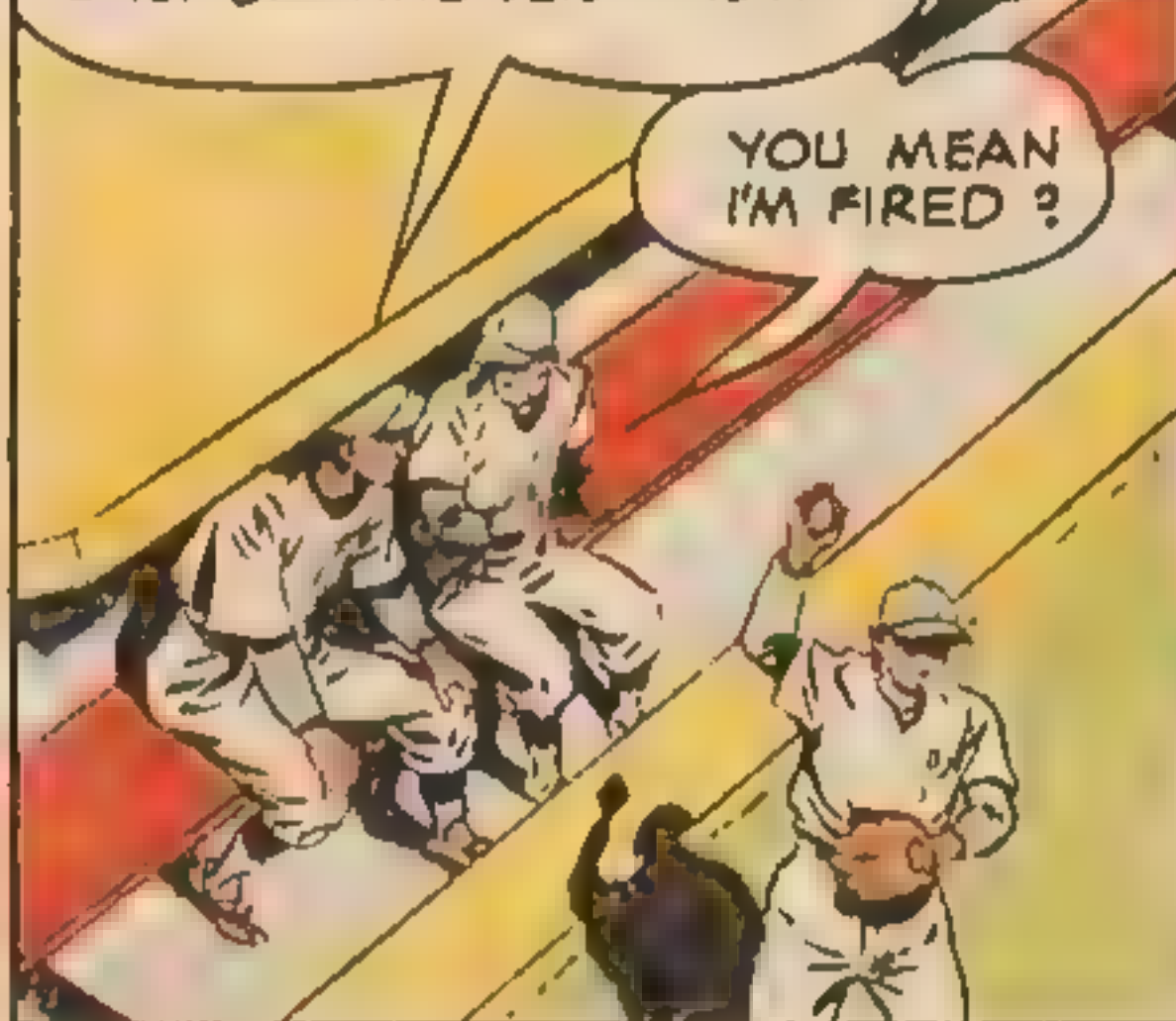
EDDIE CAUGHT A BAD COLD IN THE SPRING OF 1938 AND STARTED THE SEASON POORLY.

STRIKE THREE.



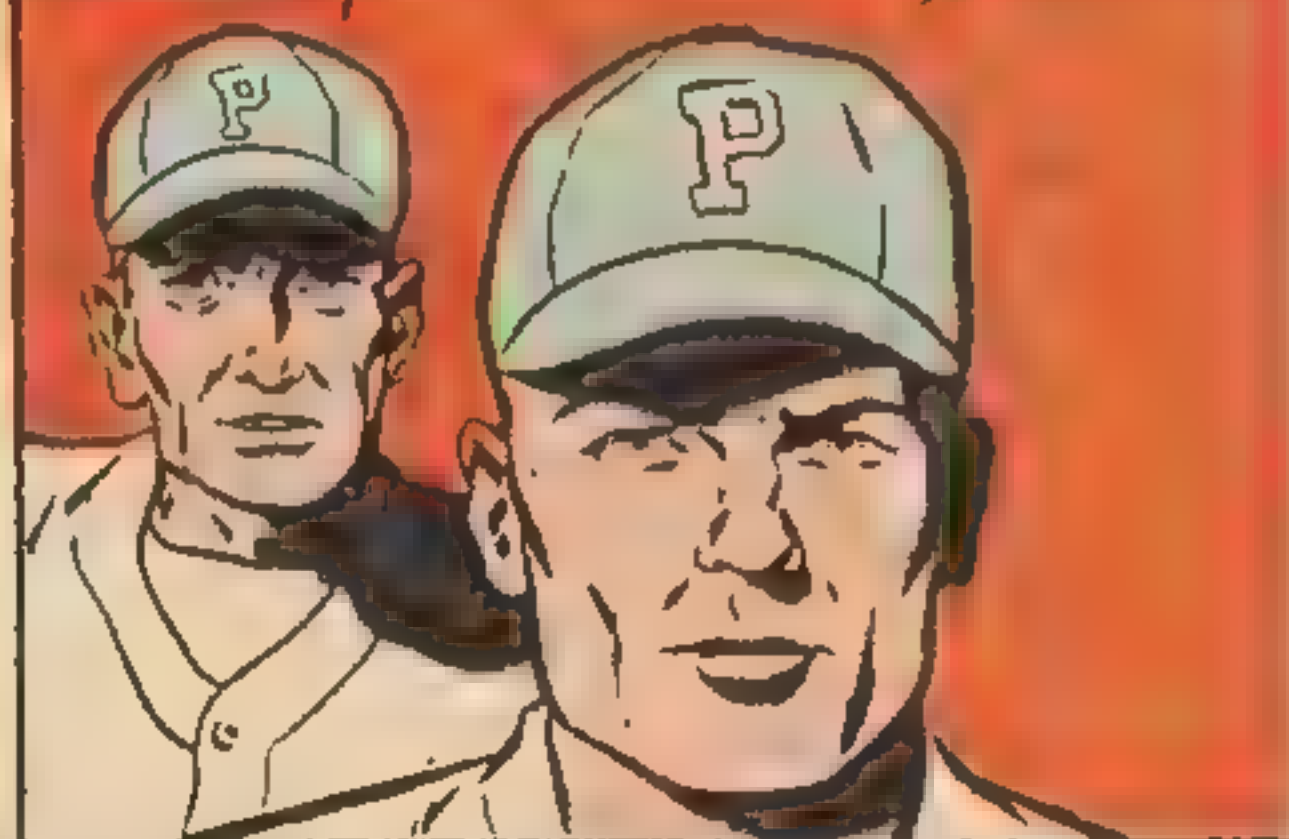
YOU'RE A SCRAPPY BALL PLAYER, EDDIE, AND I LIKE YOU. BUT YOU'RE ONLY BATTING .216 AND....

YOU MEAN I'M FIRED?



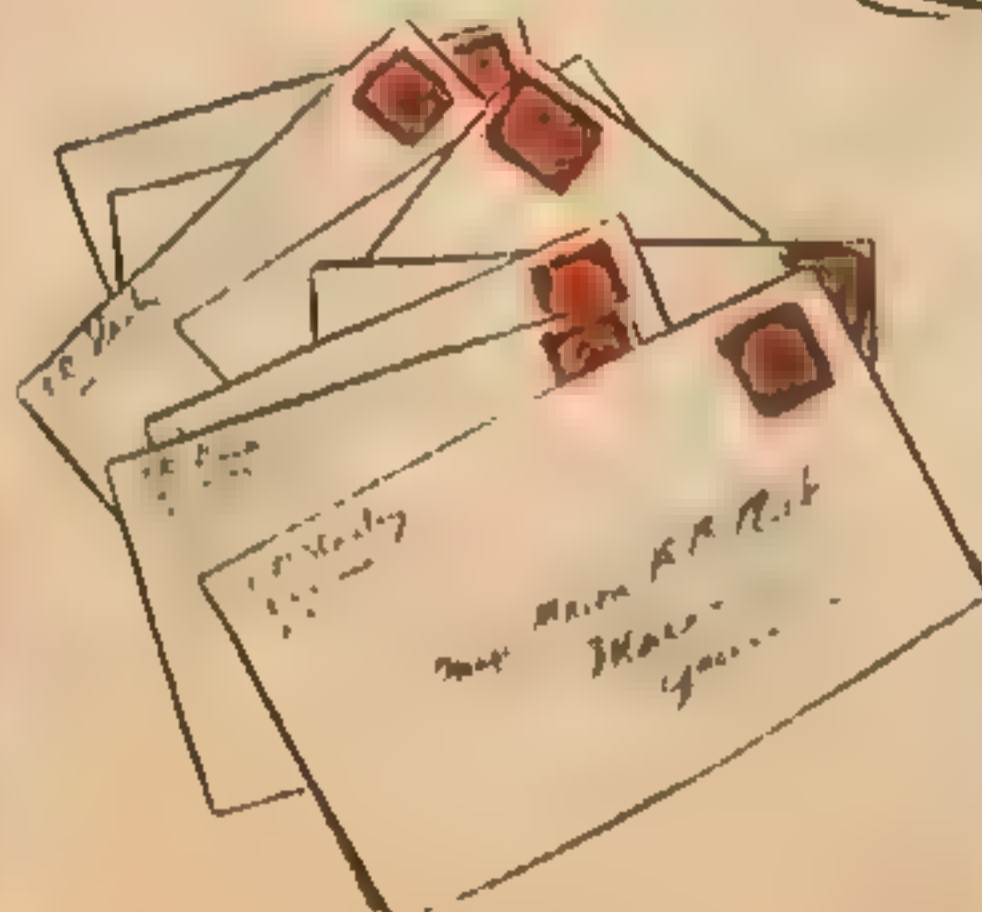
I'M AFRAID SO, EDDIE. THE A'S FRONT OFFICE IS RELEASING YOU.

I MAY BE OFF THIS TEAM, BUT I'M NOT OUT OF BASEBALL.



UNDISMAYED, EDDIE HURRIED TO HIS ROOM AND WROTE LETTERS TO OTHER MINOR LEAGUE CLUBS!

SOME SMART MANAGER WILL WANT AN AMBITIOUS INFELDER LIKE ME!



AND ONE SMART MANAGER DID!

CAN YOU REPORT AT MACON TOMORROW MORNING, STANKY?

I'LL BE THERE, MR. STOCK!



EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

THUS EDDIE MET MILTON STOCK, STAR THIRD SACKER OF THE CHAMPION 1915 PHILLIES. STOCK WAS ALSO A FORMER GIANT, CARDINAL AND DODGER - AND NOW OWNER-MANAGER OF MACON'S FIGHTING SALLY LEAGUE TEAM!

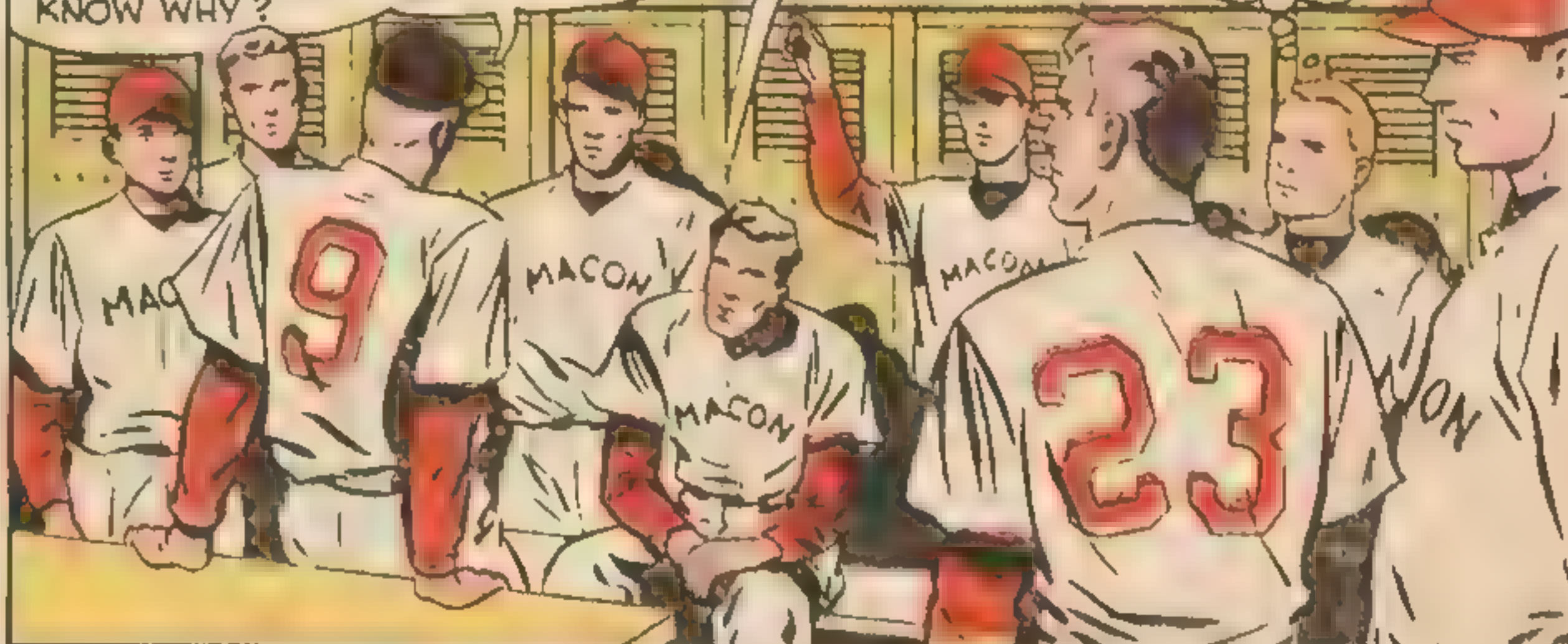
BEFORE EDDIE'S FIRST GAME AT MACON, MANAGER STOCK LECTURED HIS PLAYERS!

YOU BOYS ARE LIKE PREP-SCHOOL KIDS STUDYING TO GO TO A BIG LEAGUE COLLEGE. WE'LL TAKE UP BASE-RUNNING TODAY. YOU WERE CAUGHT BASE-STEALING YESTERDAY, JONES. DO YOU KNOW WHY?

I BROKE LATE WITH THE PITCH, SIR!

JONES SLID LATE, TOO!

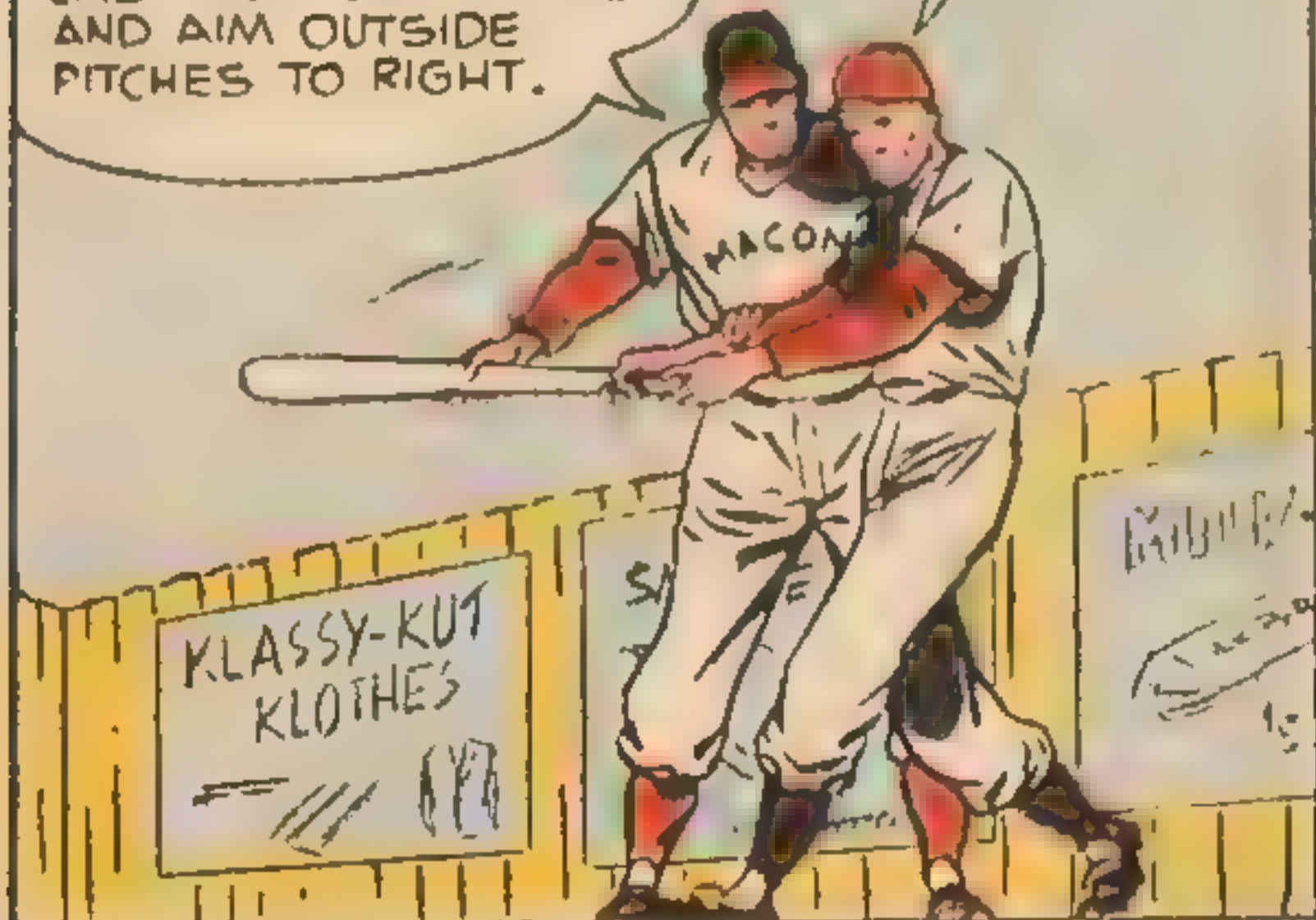
I'M LEARNING REAL BASEBALL AT LAST!



STOCK GAVE EDDIE A PRIVATE LESSON!

YOU'RE A LITTLE FELLOW IN A BIG MAN'S GAME, EDDIE. BUT YOU CAN BAT .300 IF YOU PLACE YOUR HITS... LIKE THIS. SWING LATE AND AIM OUTSIDE PITCHES TO RIGHT.

I'LL TRY, MR. STOCK!



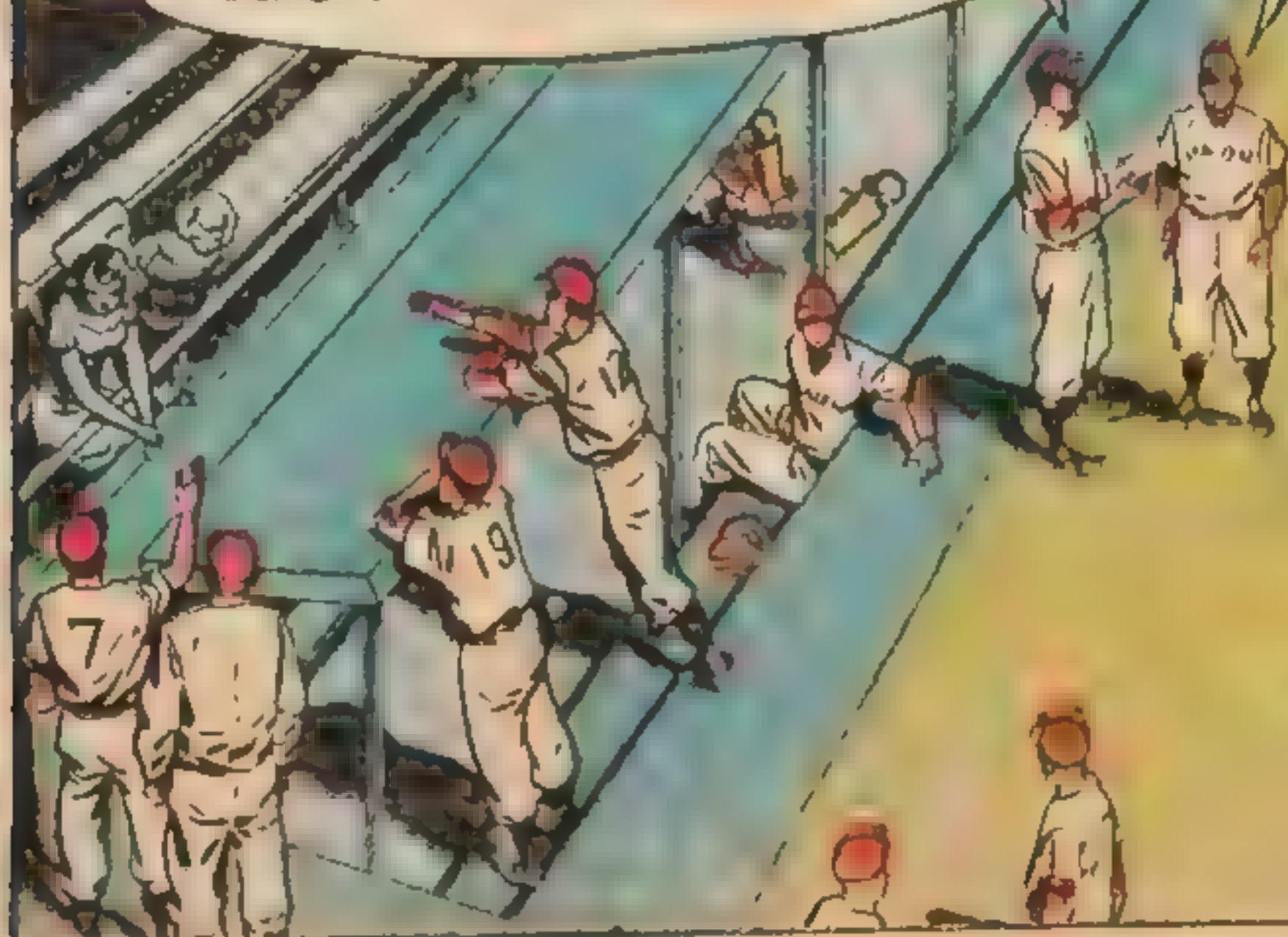
YOU HAVE A GOOD EYE FOR PITCHES, EDDIE. BUT YOU CAN GET EVEN MORE WALKS BY CROUCHING SLIGHTLY. HUNCH YOUR SHOULDERS. CONFUSE THE PITCHER BY WIGGLING YOUR BAT, WALKING OUT OF THE BOX AS HE THROWS.

LIKE THIS, MR. STOCK?



YOU WERE BATTING THIRD AT PORTSMOUTH, EDDIE, BUT I'M PUTTING YOU IN THE NUMBER ONE SPOT BECAUSE YOU'RE A NATURAL LEAD-OFF MAN!

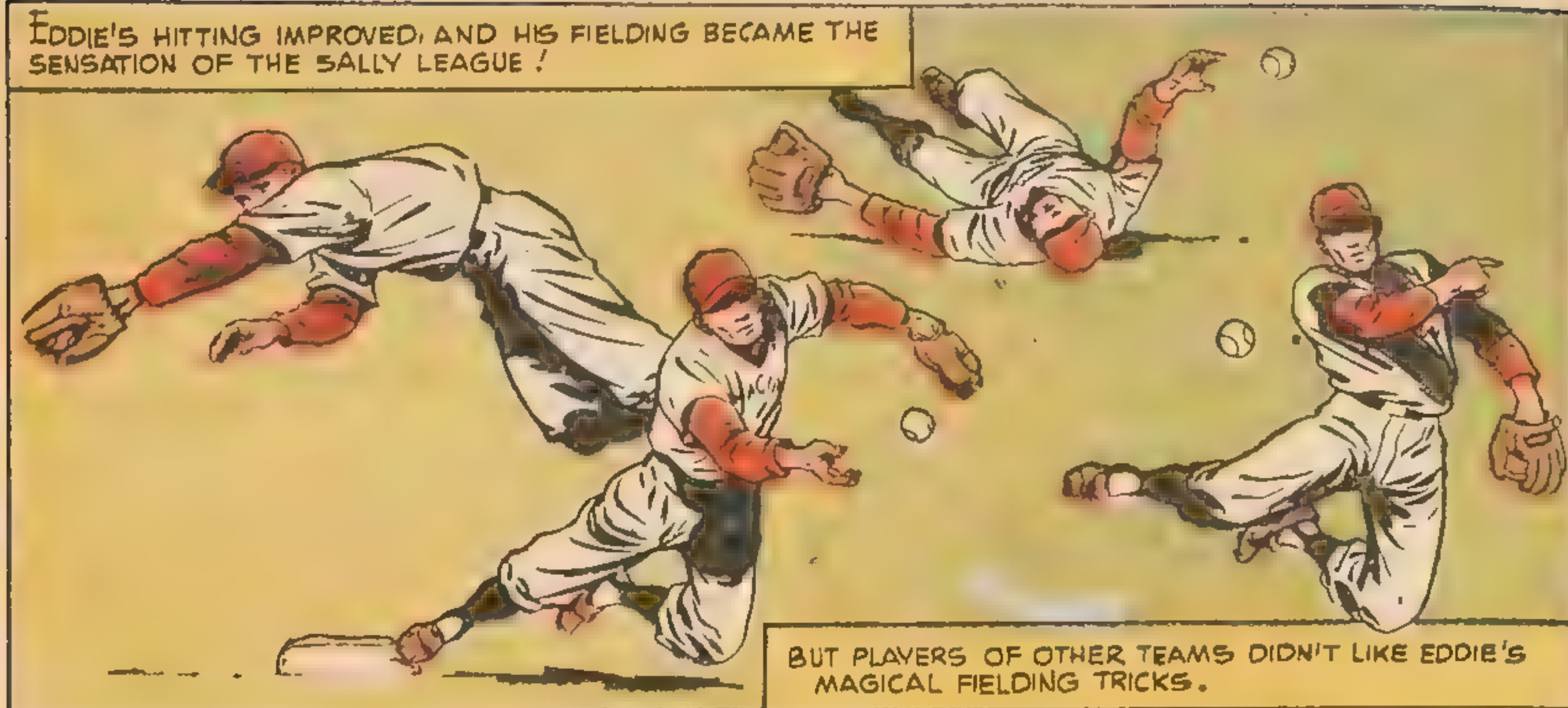
SUITS ME FINE, MR. STOCK!



AND IN EDDIE'S FIRST GAME WITH MACON HE WALKED TWICE, HIT A TRIPLE TO LEFT AND TWO SINGLES TO RIGHT!

EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

EDDIE'S HITTING IMPROVED, AND HIS FIELDING BECAME THE SENSATION OF THE SALLY LEAGUE!



BUT PLAYERS OF OTHER TEAMS DIDN'T LIKE EDDIE'S MAGICAL FIELDING TRICKS.

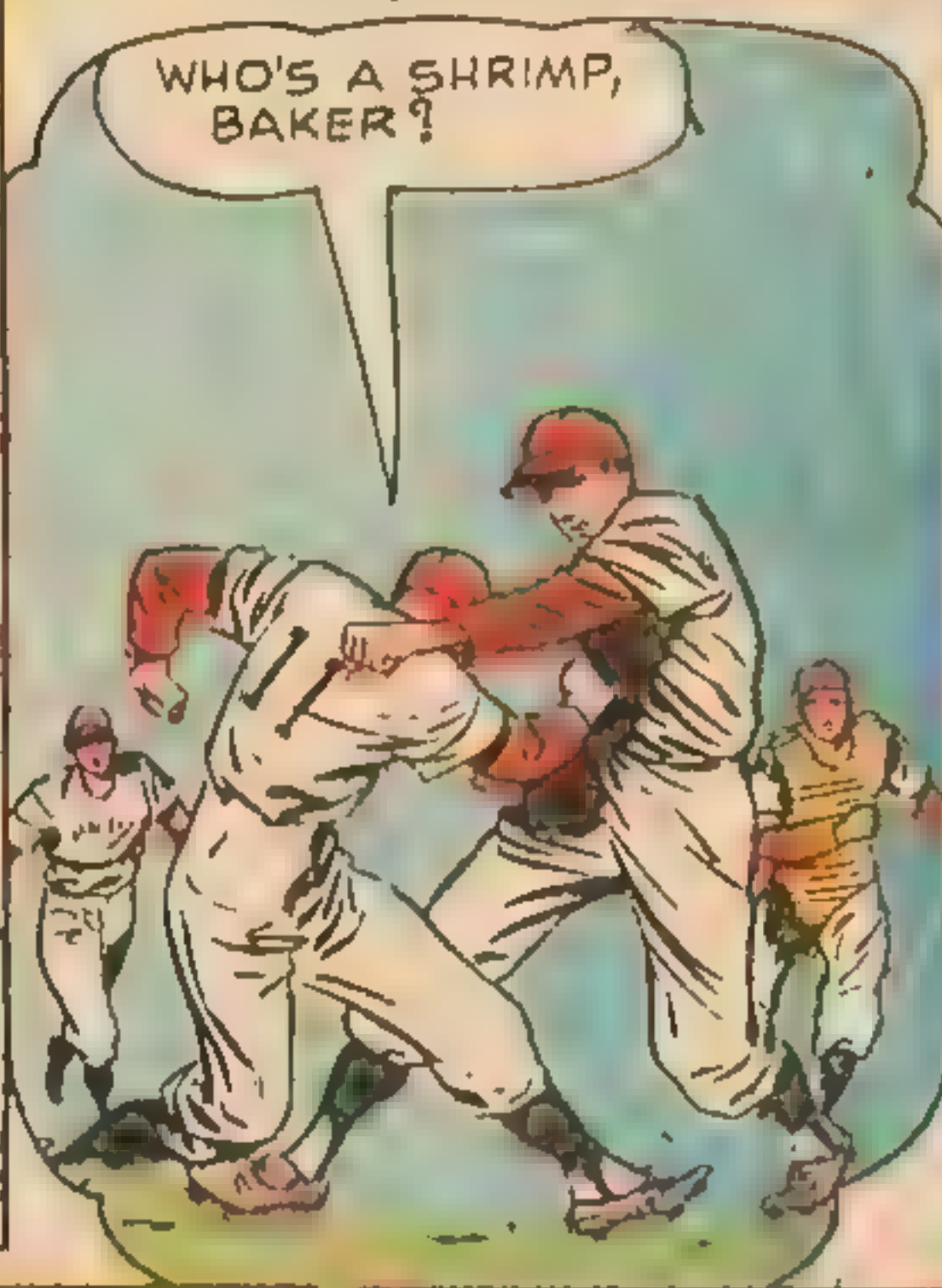
BUDDY BAKER, SAVANNAH'S SIX FOOT THREE FIRST SACKER, BROKE UP A DOUBLE PLAY!

GANGWAY, YA SHRIMP!



EDDIE BOUNCED UP FIGHTING!

WHO'S A SHRIMP, BAKER?



BUT BAKER BATTED HIM RIGHT DOWN AGAIN!



ED HARTNESS, EDDIE'S ROOMMATE, RUSHED TO HIS RESCUE!

LAY OFF STANKY, BAKER!



LICK THE BULLY, HARTNESS!

WE'LL HELP YOU, STANKY!



EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

STANKY'S REFUSAL TO BE BULLDOZED BY BIGGER PLAYERS WON THE ADMIRATION OF LOCAL FANS!



irate SAVANNAH PLAYERS STILL TRIED TO BLAST EDDIE OFF THE DIAMOND! ONE DAY, AS CONNIE RYAN SLID INTO SECOND...



RYAN STARTED TO RUN TO THE BENCH, BUT HIS CAP LAY ON THE FIELD AND AS HE TRIED TO PICK IT UP...



WITH THAT, THE ENTIRE SAVANNAH BENCH RUSHED ONTO THE FIELD!



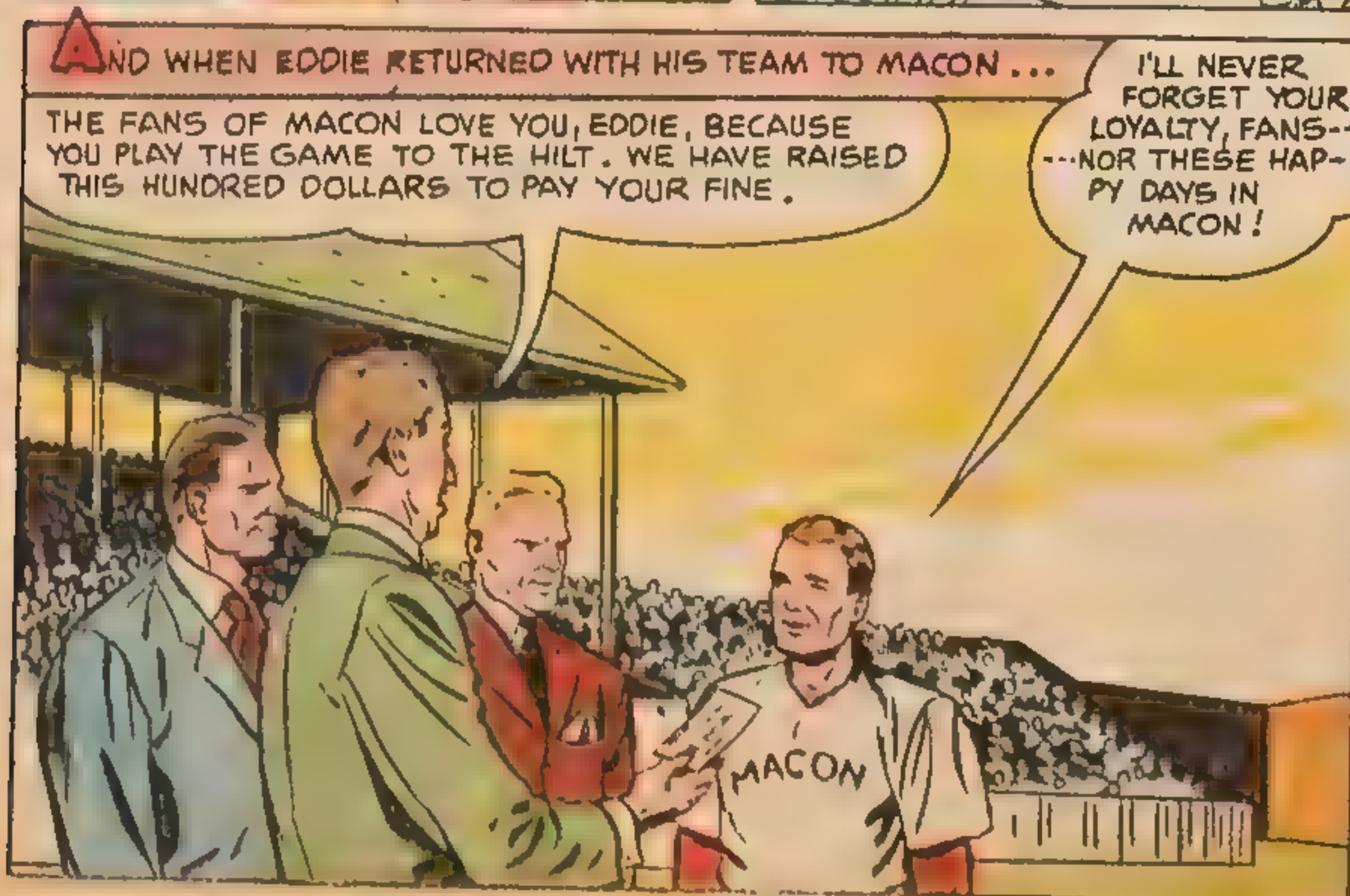
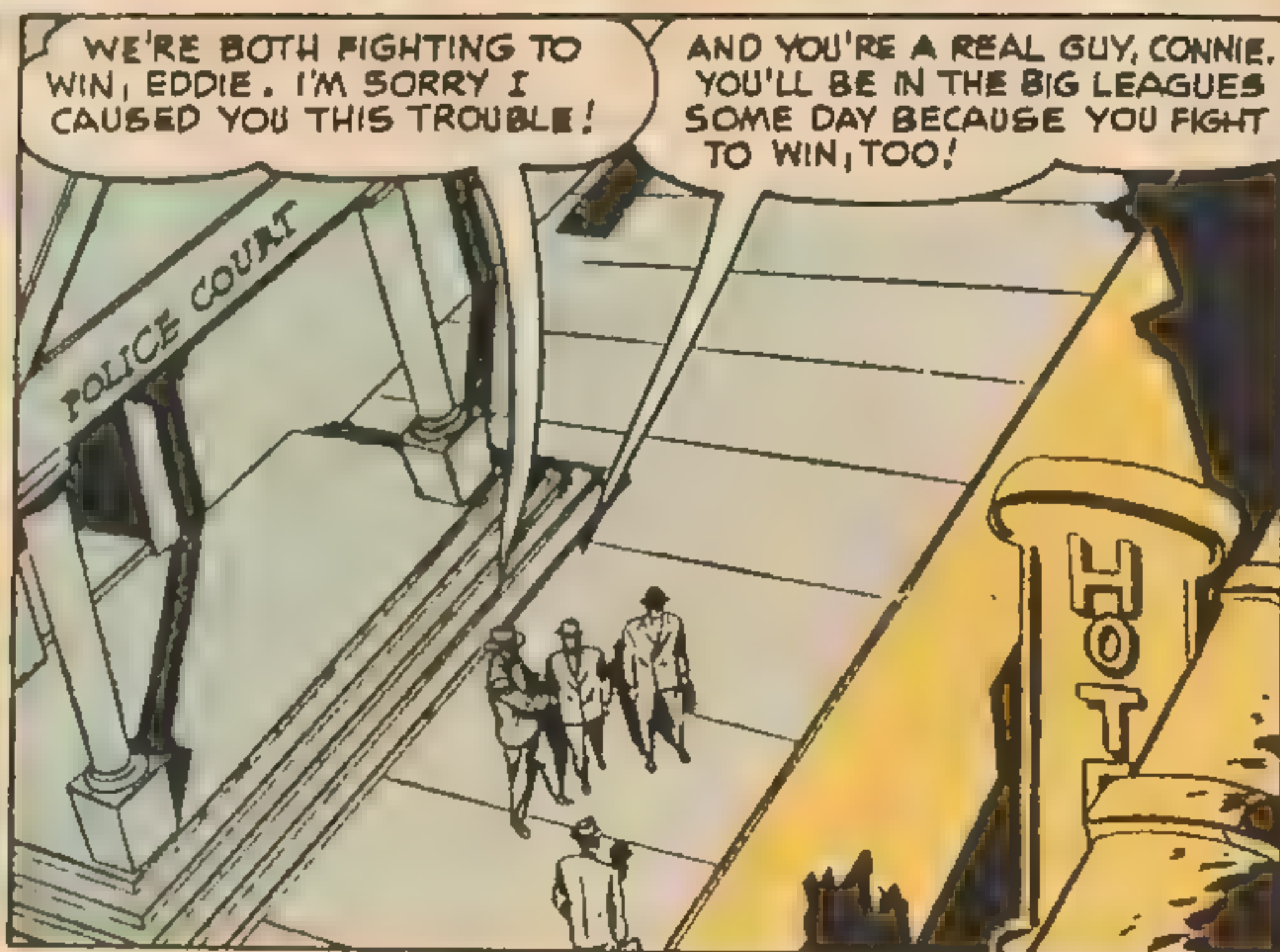
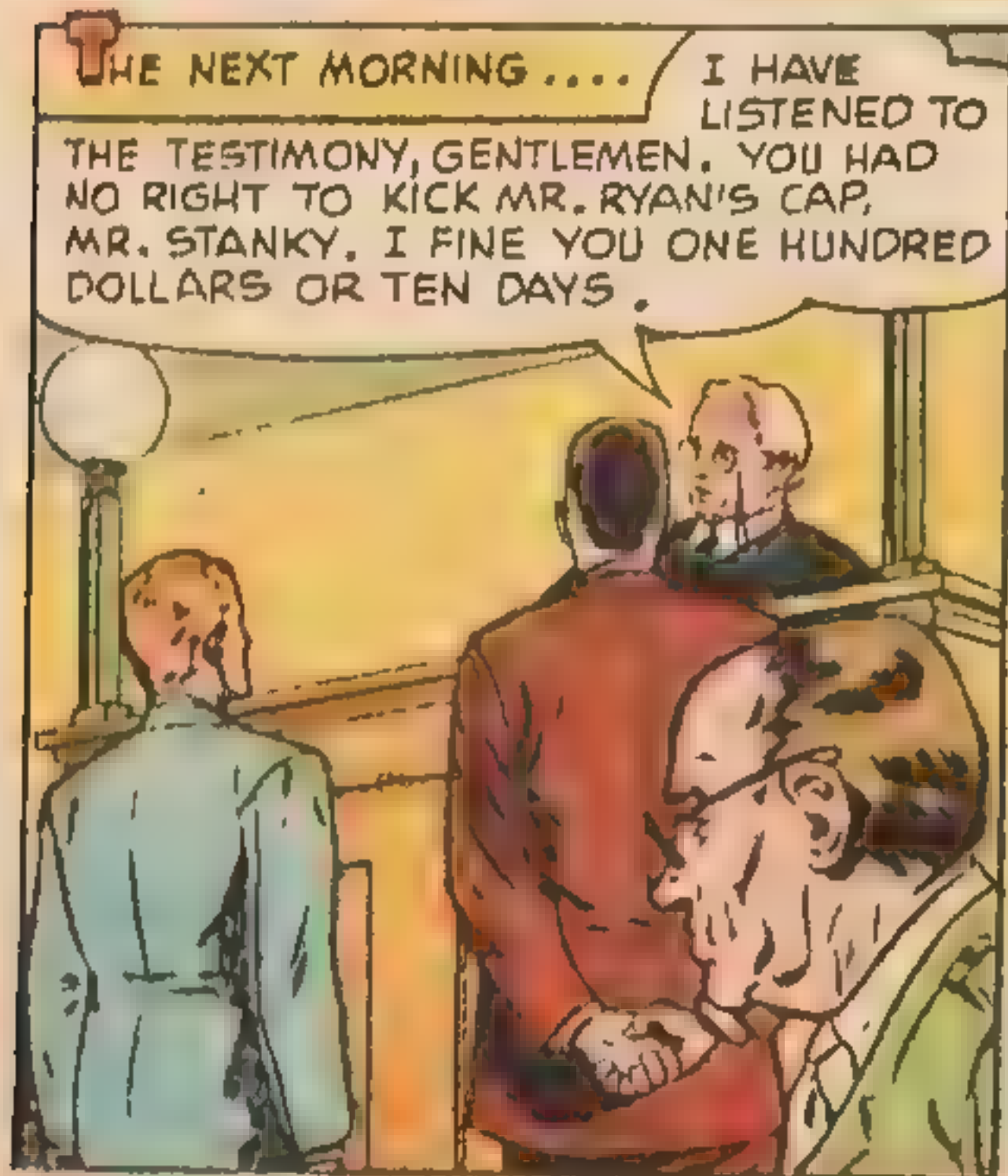
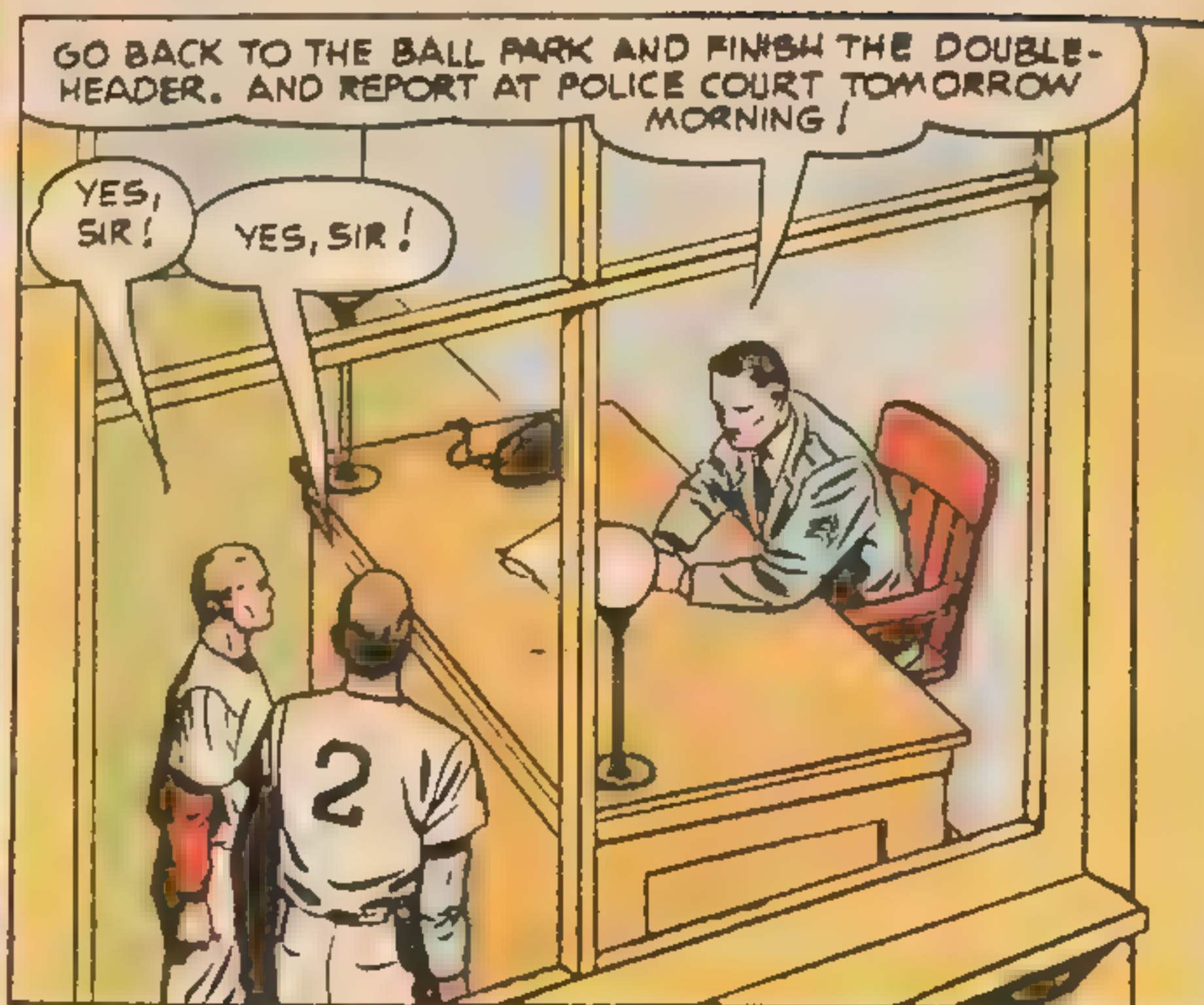
POLICE!
POLICE!



AFTER THE WILD MELEE WAS QUELLED, THE POLICE TOOK BOTH STANKY AND RYAN INTO CUSTODY!



EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO



AND EDDIE PLAYED SUPER BALL FOR HIS MACON FRIENDS, BATTING .305 THAT SEASON, WITH A SLUGGING AVERAGE OF .399----ALTHOUGH HE WAS ONE OF THE SMALLEST MEN IN BASEBALL!

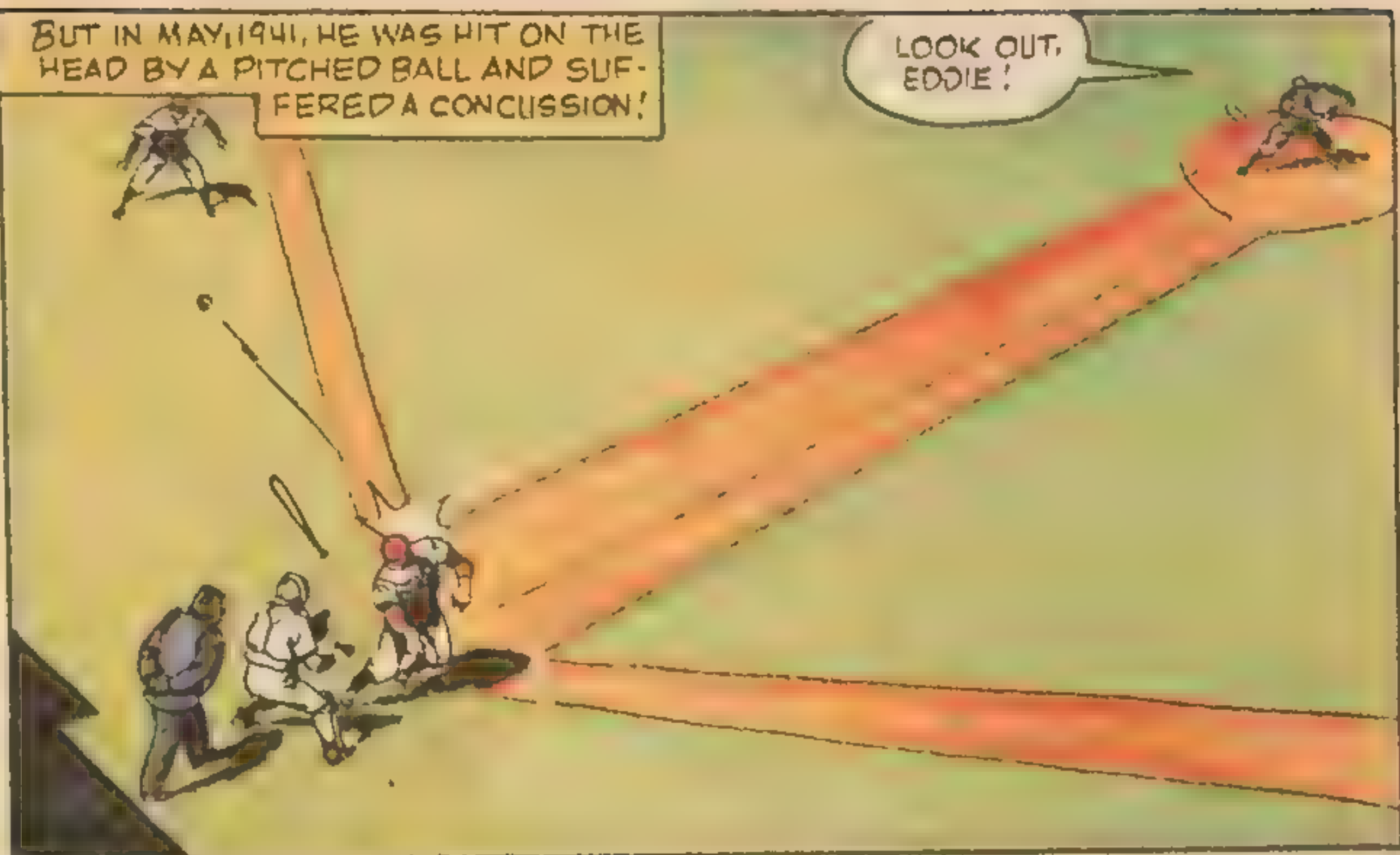
EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

EDDIE STAYED ON AT MACON IN 1940 BATTING .302 WITH A .400 SLUGGING AVERAGE, BUT NO CLUB IN A HIGHER LEAGUE OFFERED TO BUY HIM.

HE BEGAN THE 1941 SEASON DETERMINED TO MAKE BIG LEAGUE SCOUTS SIT UP AND TAKE NOTICE!

BUT IN MAY, 1941, HE WAS HIT ON THE HEAD BY A PITCHED BALL AND SUFFERED A CONCUSSION!

LOOK OUT, EDDIE!



EDDIE WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR A WEEK!



AND WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE GAME HE WENT INTO A BATTING SLUMP.

ONE MORNING A FEW WEEKS LATER ---

I'M CALLING FOR MY MAIL, MR. STOCK. DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS?

THE CLUB SECRETARY IS ILL, EDDIE. YOU'LL FIND THE MAIL IN MY OFFICE.



OH, I BEG YOUR PARDON, MISS. I WAS LOOKING FOR MY MAIL.

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, MR. STANKY. I HAVE IT. I'M THE NEW CLUB SECRETARY.

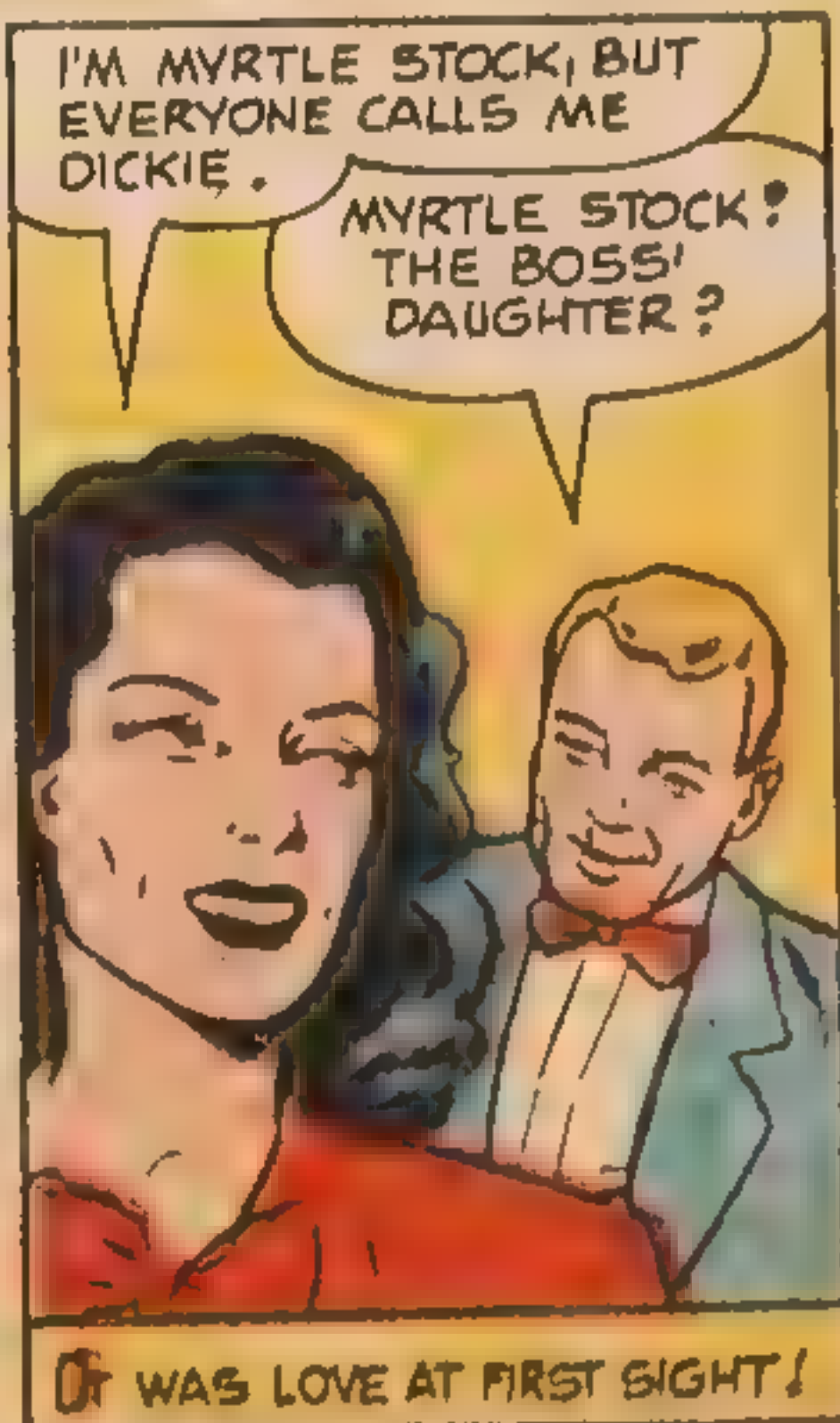
HERE YOU ARE, MR. STANKY.

THANKS, MISS-- AND--- WHAT'S YOUR NAME?



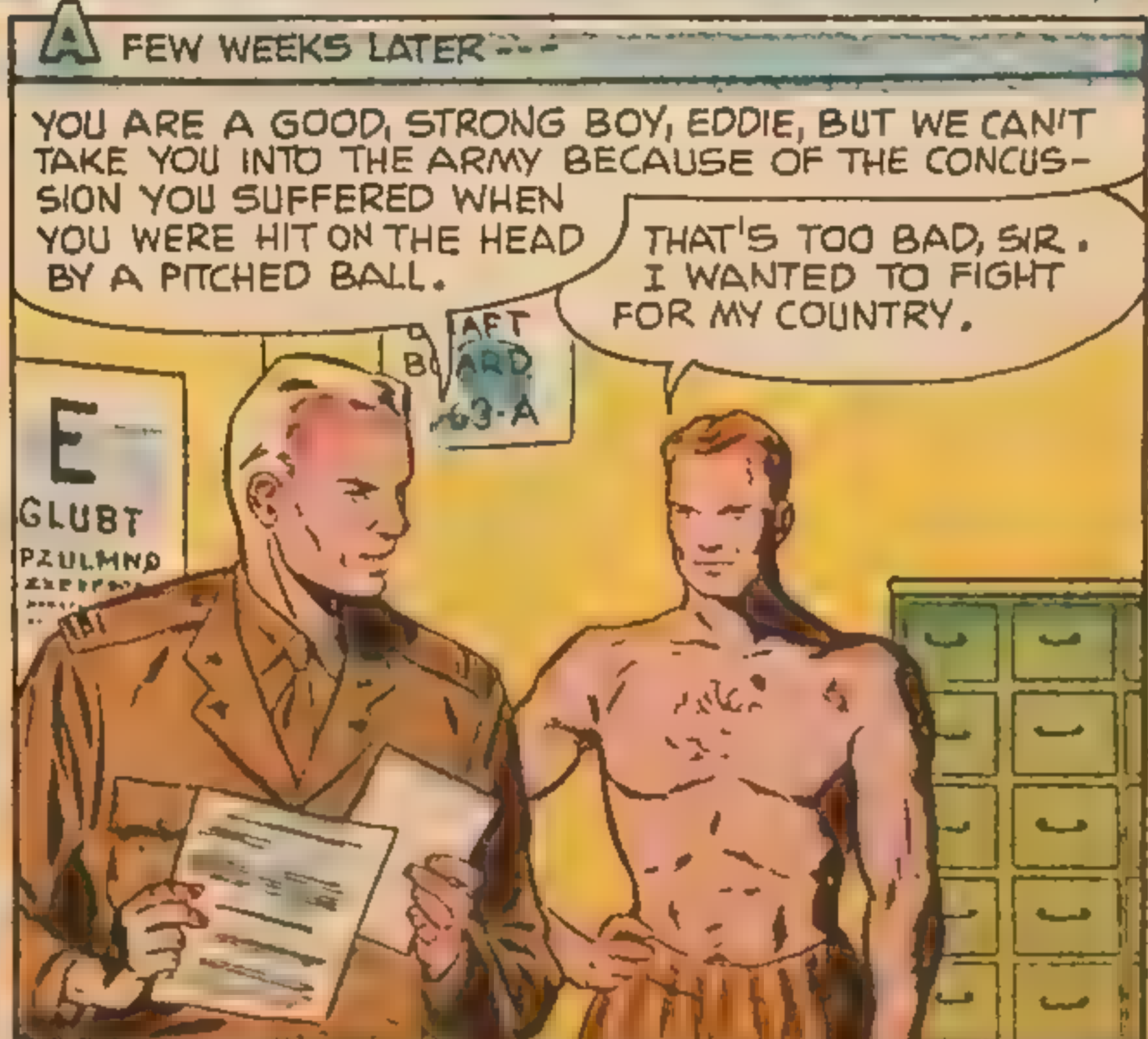
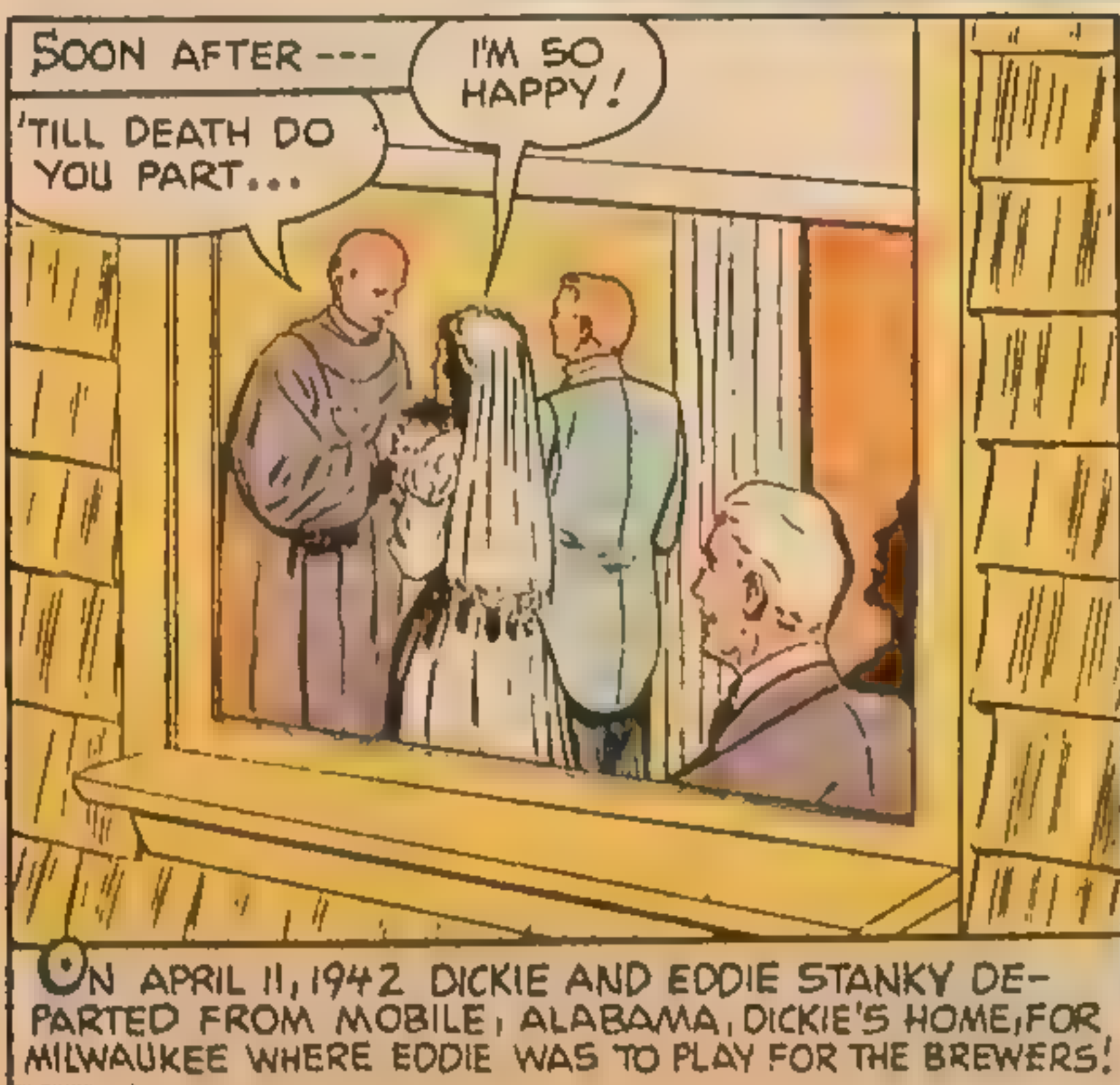
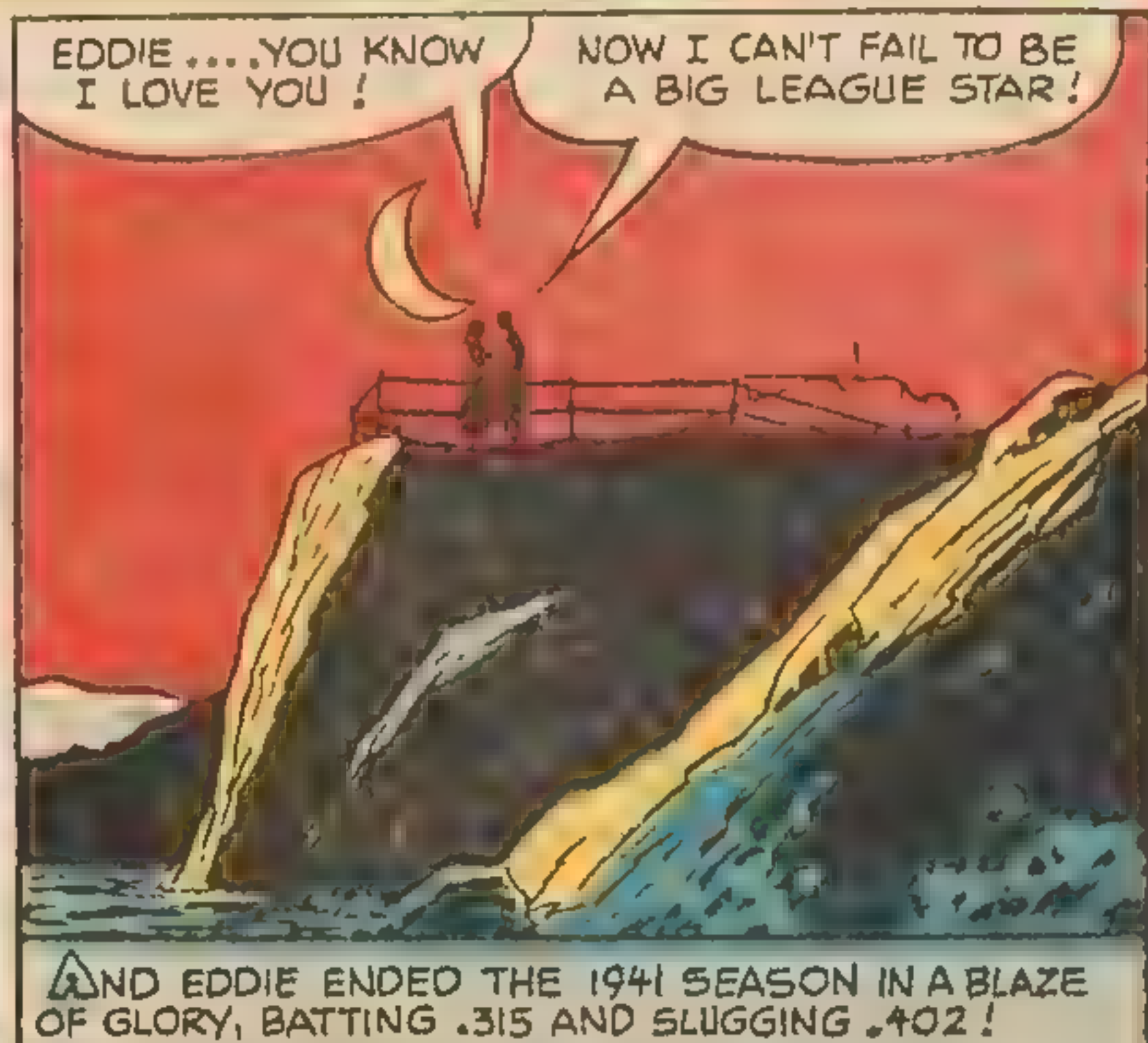
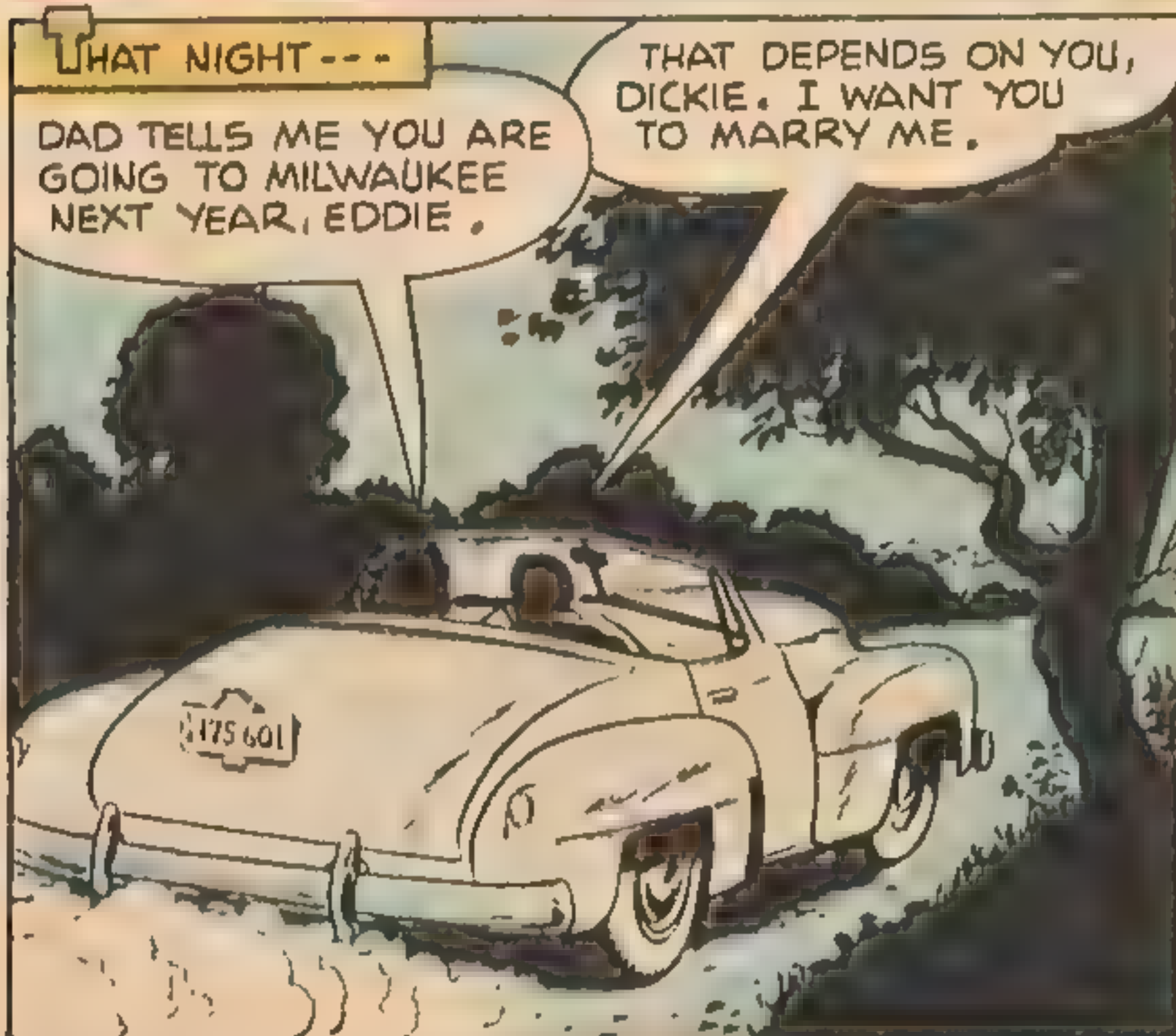
I'M MYRTLE STOCK, BUT EVERYONE CALLS ME DICKIE.

MYRTLE STOCK? THE BOSS' DAUGHTER?



IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT!

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EDDIE STANKY. BASEBALL HERO

EDDIE RETURNED TO BASEBALL, DETERMINED TO PLAY HIS HARDEST, FIGHTING TOOTH AND NAIL FOR EVERY HIT, EVERY WALK, EVERY PUT-OUT! AS JERRY PRIDY, OF THE COLUMBUS SENATORS, SLID INTO SECOND BASE ONE DAY...



WHAT'S THE IDEA OF TAGGING ME ON THE CHIN, STANKY?

YOU ROUGHED ME THE LAST TIME I SLID INTO YOU, PRIDY!

YOU'RE BOTH OUT OF THE GAME!



AFTER THE GAME, MANAGER CHARLIE GRIMM APPROACHED EDDIE!

YOU'D BETTER LEARN TO CONTROL YOUR TEMPER IN THIS LEAGUE, EDDIE. UMPIRES WON'T STAND FOR THAT STUFF AROUND HERE.

I'M A LITTLE GUY, MR. GRIMM—AND THAT'S THE ONLY WAY I KNOW TO PLAY WINNING BALL! TO FIGHT FOR MY RIGHTS!



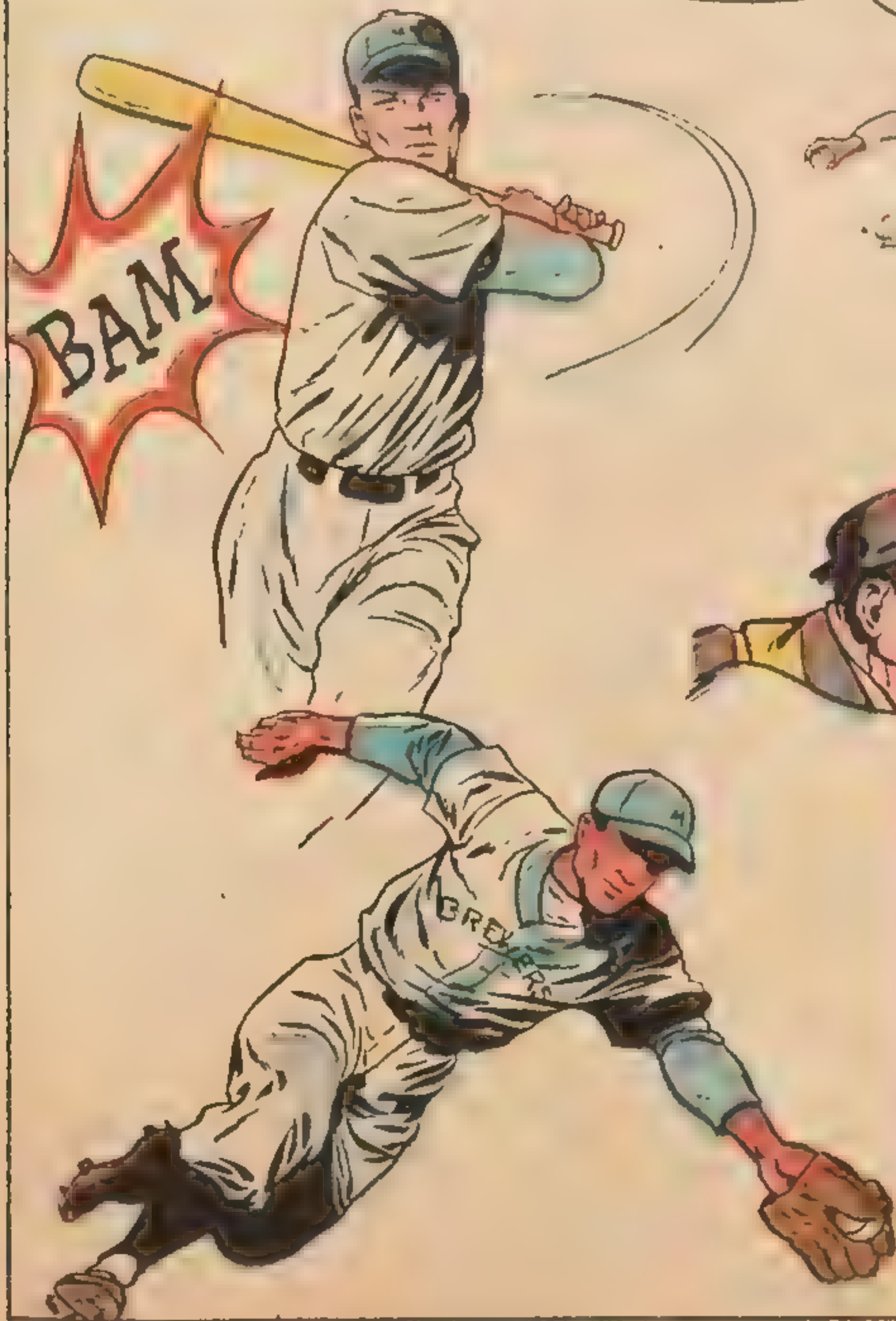
EDDIE CONTINUED TO BATTLE FIERCELY, PLAYING THE GAME OF HIS LIFE FOR DICKIE AND THE MILWAUKEE BREWERS, BATTLING PLAYERS AND UMPIRES, HITTING, RUNNING, FIELDING SMARTLY, GOADING PITCHERS INTO GIVING HIM MANY WALKS!

CUT THE ROUGH STUFF, STANKY!

BUT I BROKE UP YOUR DOUBLE-PLAY, RIZZUTO!



THAT WAS A BALL, UMP!



STANKY'S ALL STAR RECORD—

MILWAUKEE - 1942

AT BAT	527
RUNS	124*
HITS	180
DOUBLES	56*
TRIPLES	6
HOMERS	8
BATTING AVERAGE	.342*
SLUGGING AVERAGE	.516
*LED LEAGUE!	

EDDIE WAS THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER, TOO!

EDDIE STANKY. BASEBALL HERO

IN THE SPRING OF 1943, EDDIE STANKY BECAME A MAJOR LEAGUER AT LAST!

CHICAGO! OH, EDDIE, IT'S LIKE A DREAM!

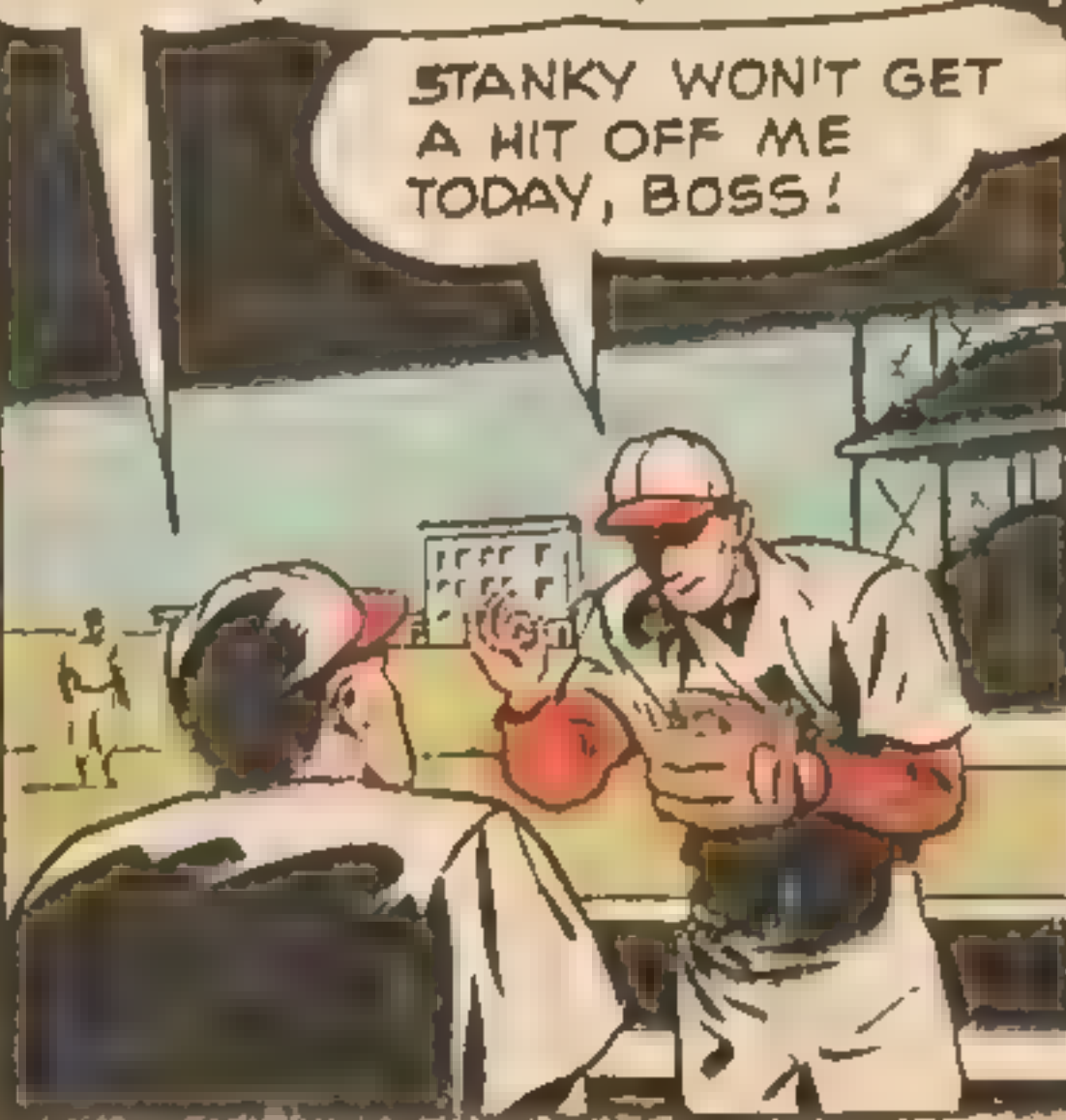
IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH FOR ME TO MAKE GOOD WITH THE CUBS, DICKIE, BUT I'LL PLAY MY WAY TO THE TOP!



EDDIE HIT SAFELY IN TEN STRAIGHT GAMES FOR THE CHICAGO CUBS THAT MAY. THEN ---

YOU KNOW HOW TO STOP THAT STANKY, DON'T YOU?

STANKY WON'T GET A HIT OFF ME TODAY, BOSS!



WHEN EDDIE CAME TO BAT ---

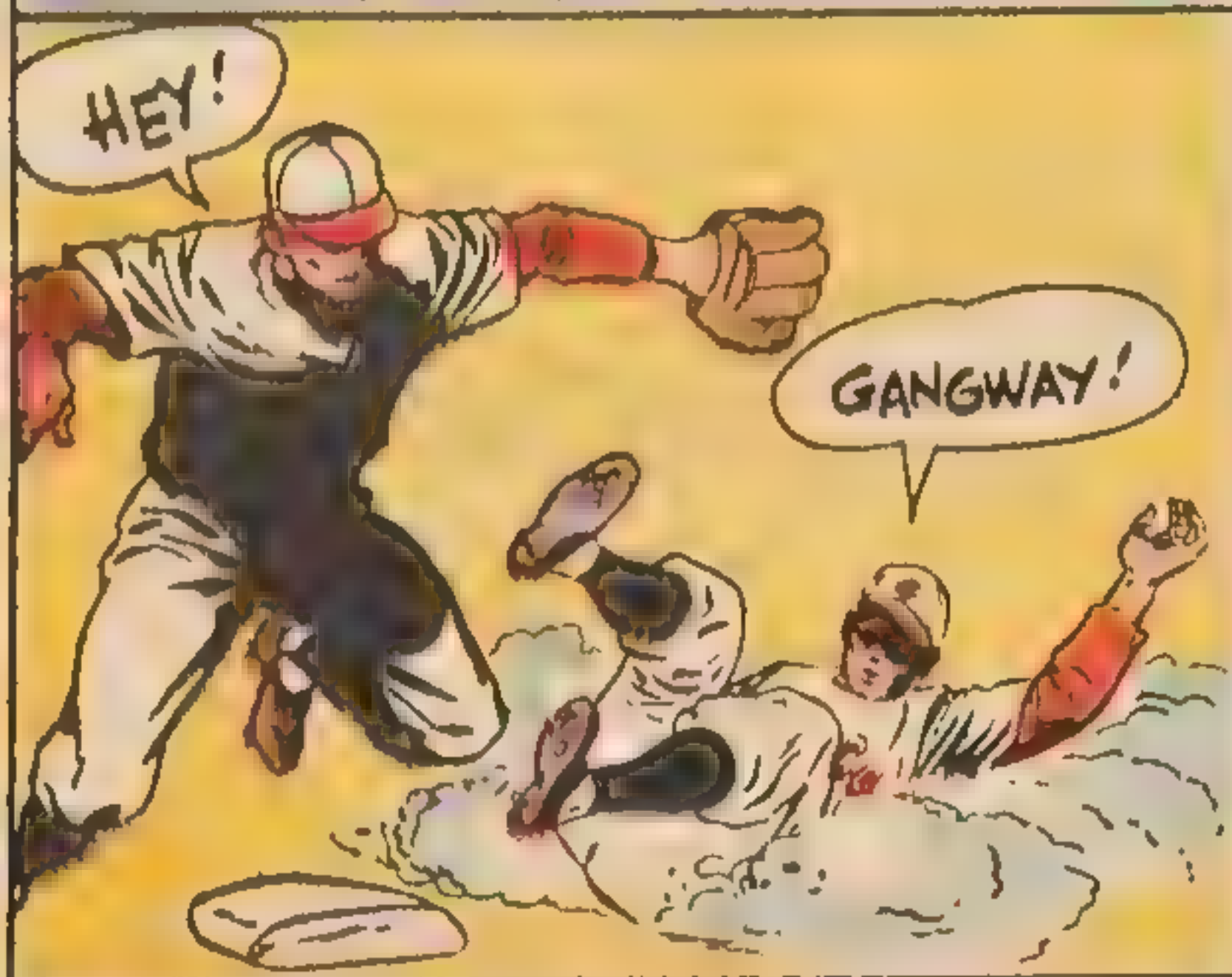
SO, THEY WANT TO PLAY ROUGH, EH? WELL, WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!



HIT BY A PITCHED BALL, EDDIE TOOK FIRST BASE, THE NEXT BATTER SACRIFICED AND AS EDDIE SPRINTED INTO SECOND ---

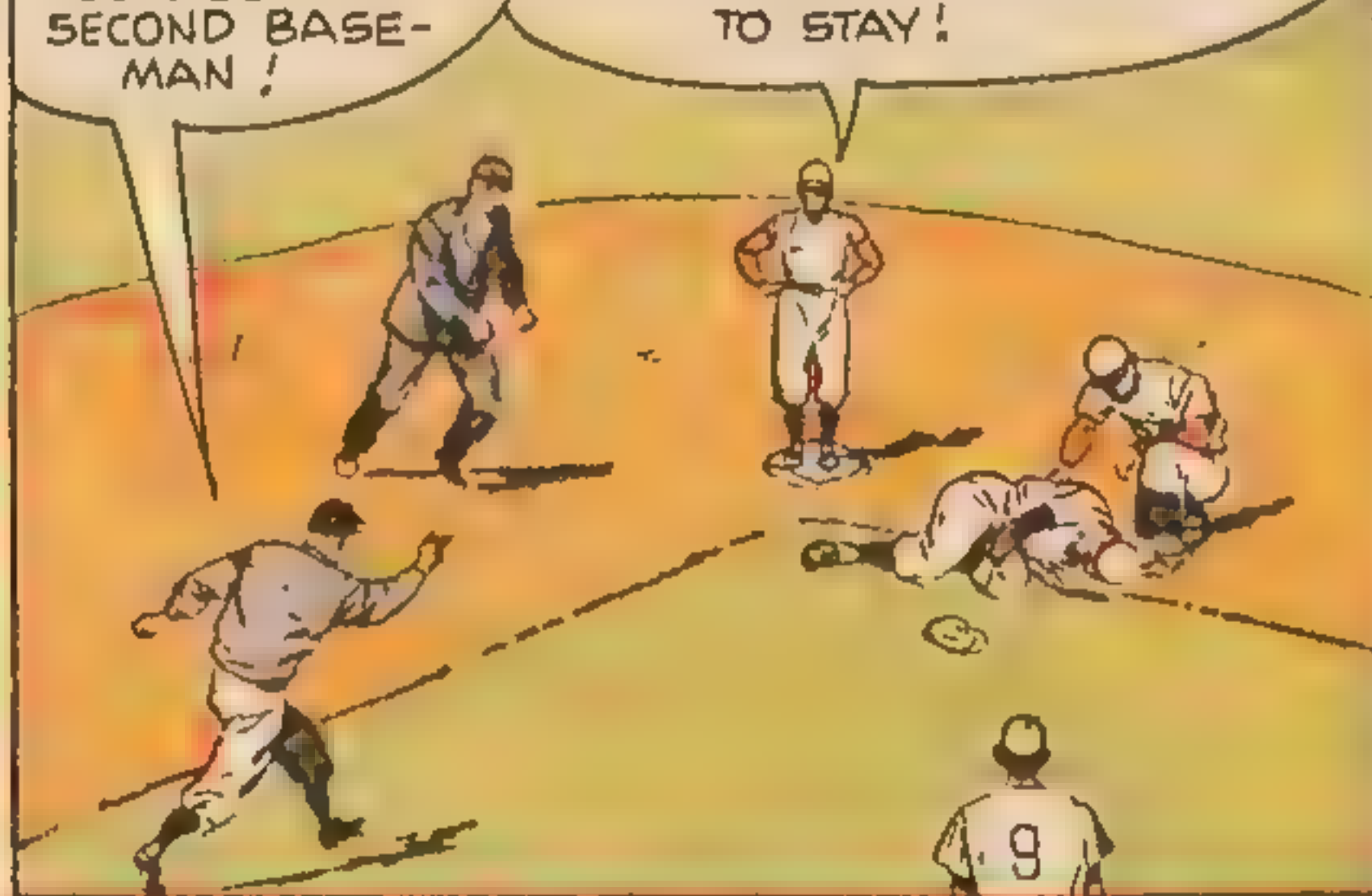
HEY!

GANGWAY!



WHAT'S THE IDEA, STANKY? YOU TOOK OUT MY SECOND BASE-MAN!

NO ONE'S GOING TO DUST ME OFF WITHOUT PAYING FOR IT! I'M IN THE BIG LEAGUES TO STAY!



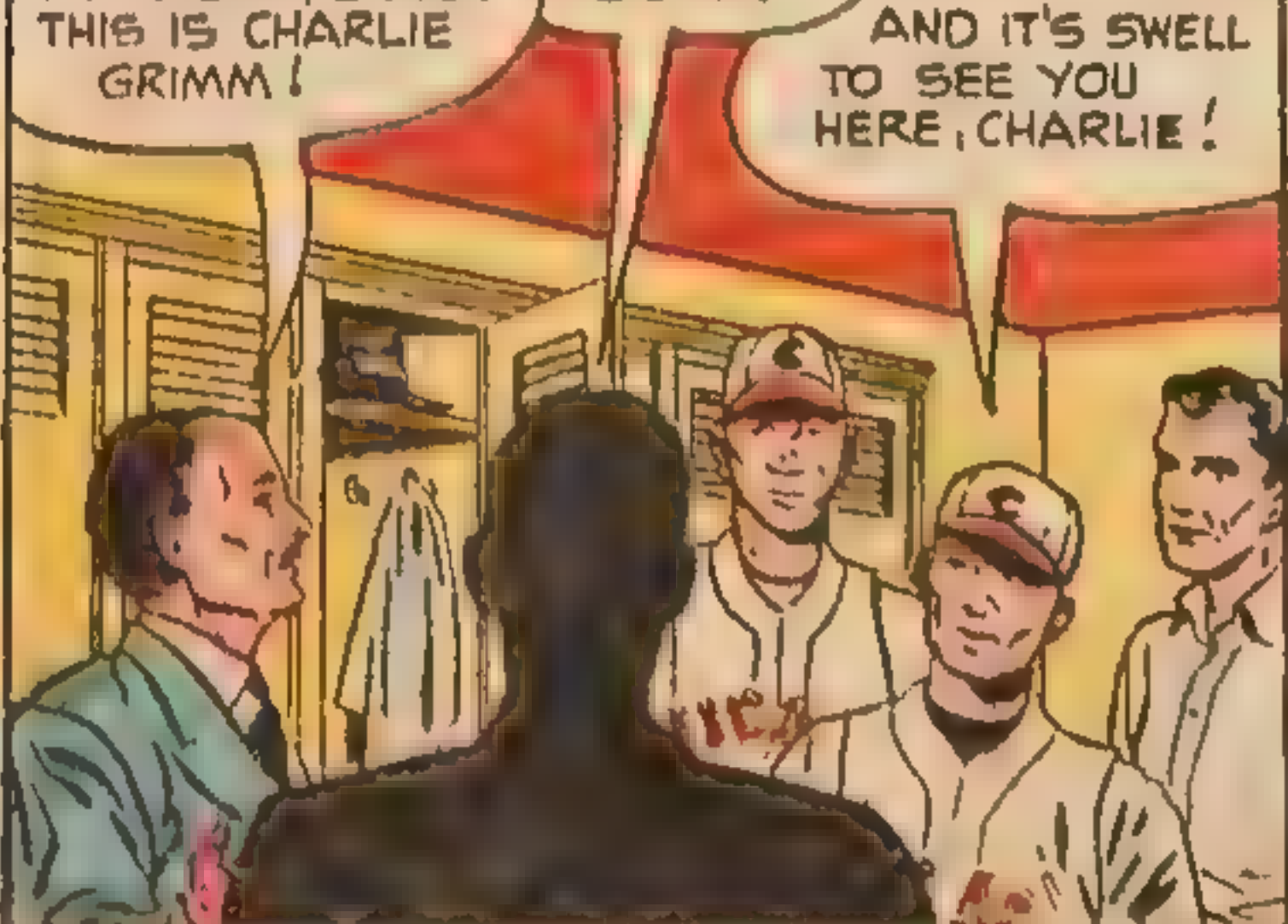
BUT THE DISORGANIZED CUBS FINISHED IN THE SECOND DIVISION IN 1943 AND EDDIE'S .245 BATTING AVERAGE WAS THE LOWEST OF HIS CAREER!

SOON AFTER THE 1944 SEASON BEGAN, THE CHICAGO CUBS DROPPED TO THE CELLAR. IN MAY GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CUBS, JAMES G. GALLAGHER, INTRODUCED A NEW MANAGER TO THE TEAM.

MEET YOUR NEW MANAGER, BOYS! THIS IS CHARLIE GRIMM!

I'M GLAD TO BE BACK WITH THE CUBS AGAIN, BOYS!

AND IT'S SWELL TO SEE YOU HERE, CHARLIE!



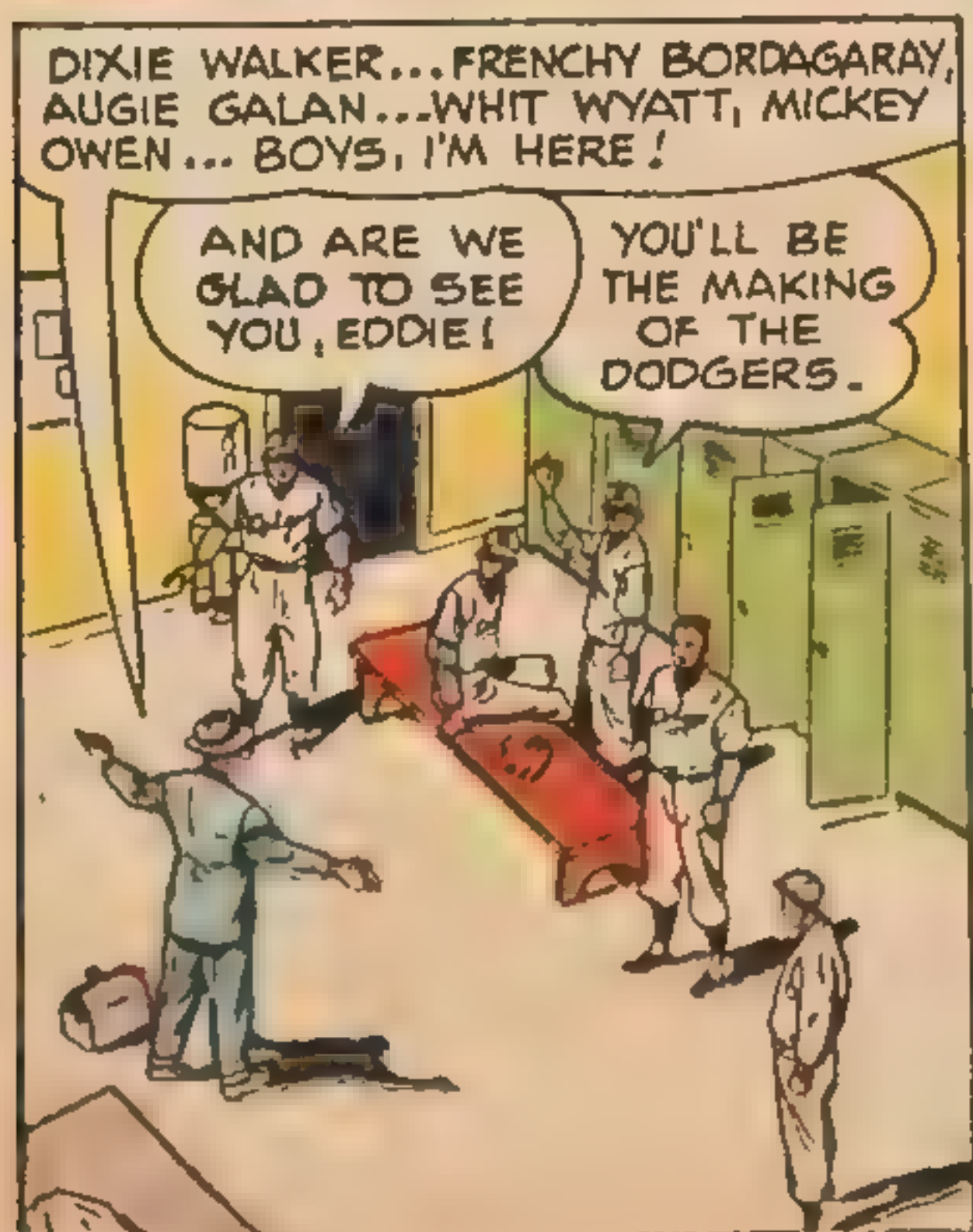
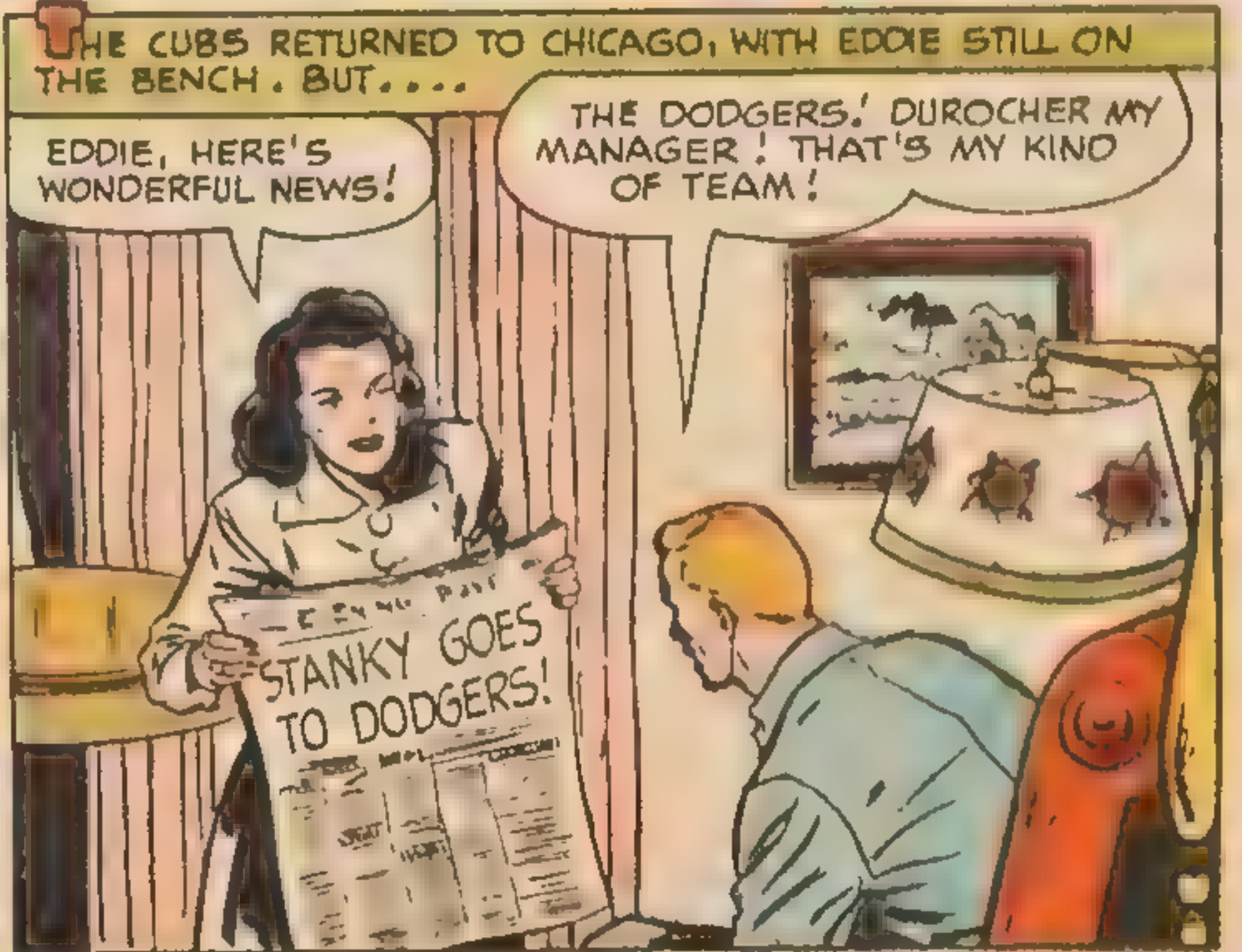
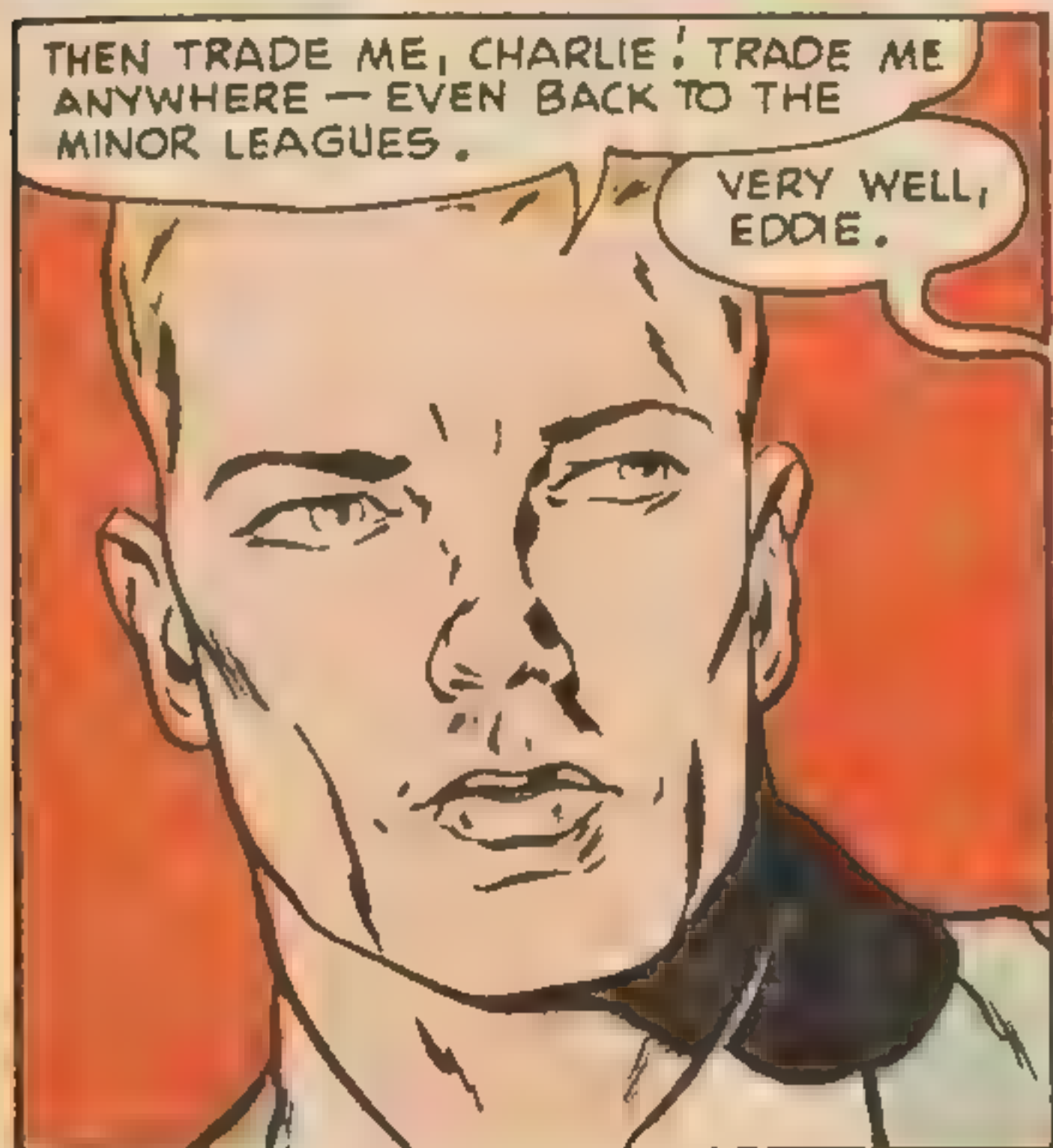
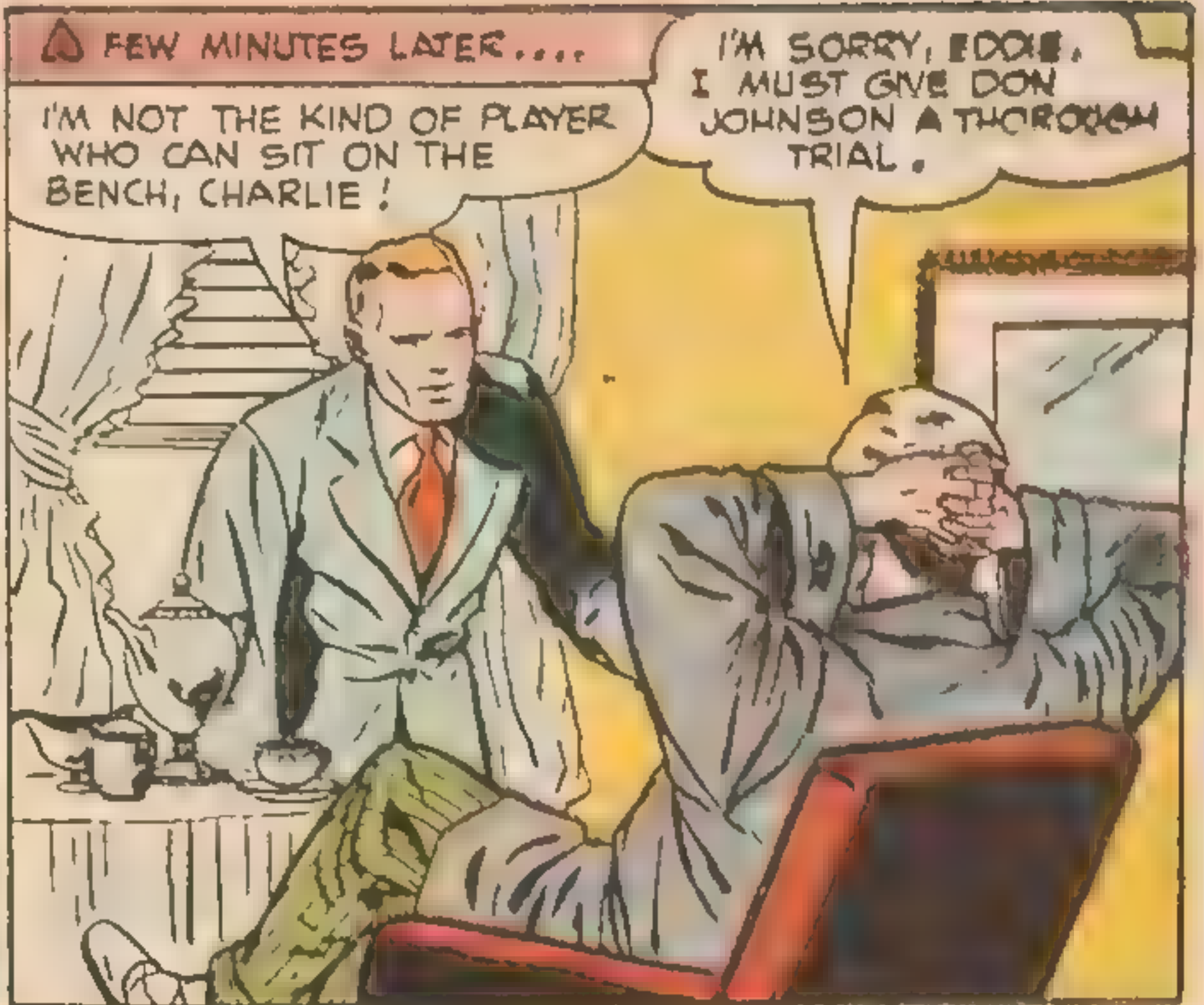
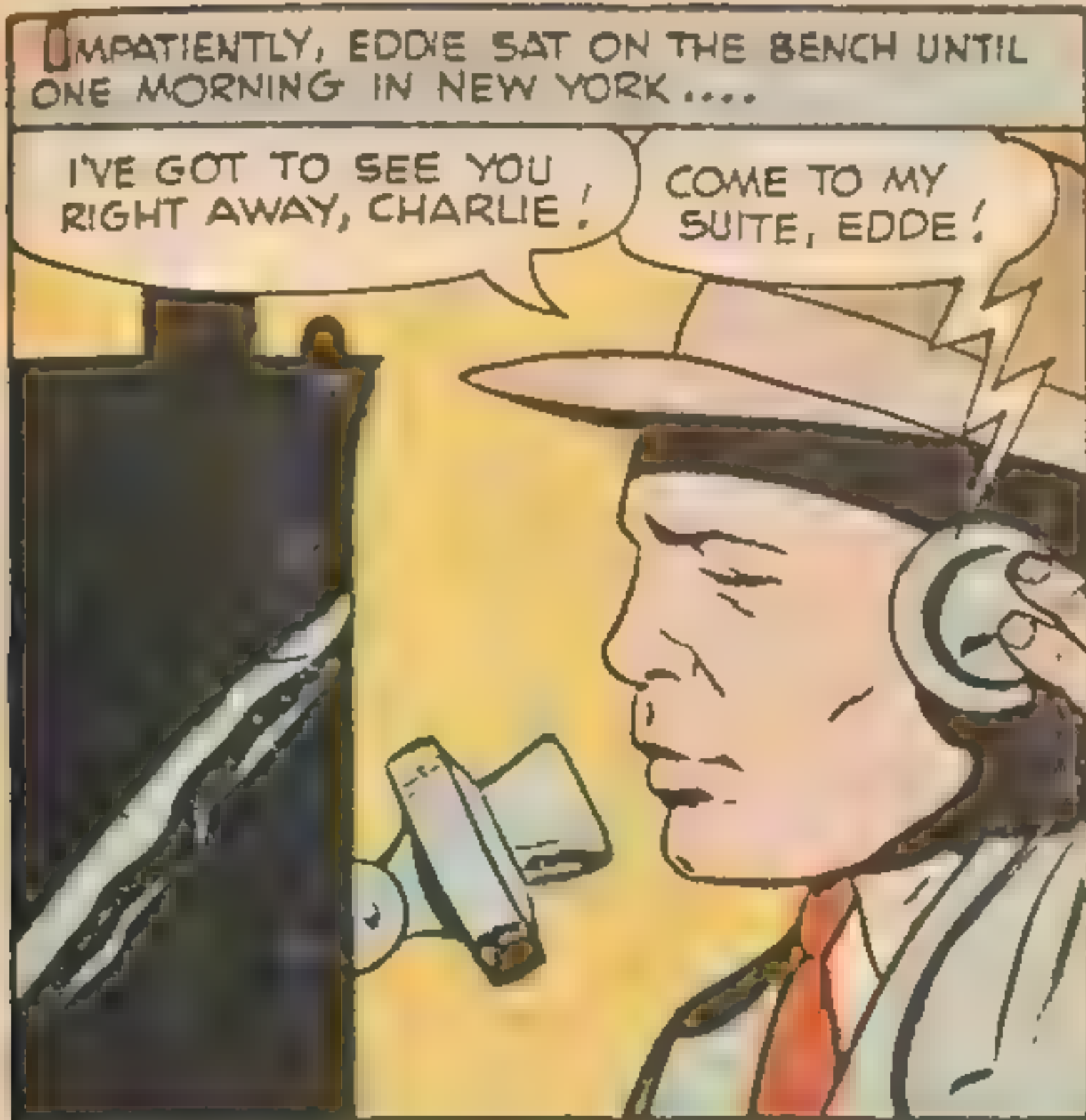
EDDIE WAS DELIGHTED TO PLAY AGAIN FOR HIS OLD BOSS. BUT A FEW DAYS LATER IN PHILADELPHIA ---

I KNOW YOU'RE A FINE PLAYER, EDDIE. BUT THE CUBS NEED NEW FACES. I'M BRINGING DON JOHNSON UP FROM MILWAUKEE AND WE'LL TRY HIM OUT AT SECOND BASE FOR AWHILE!

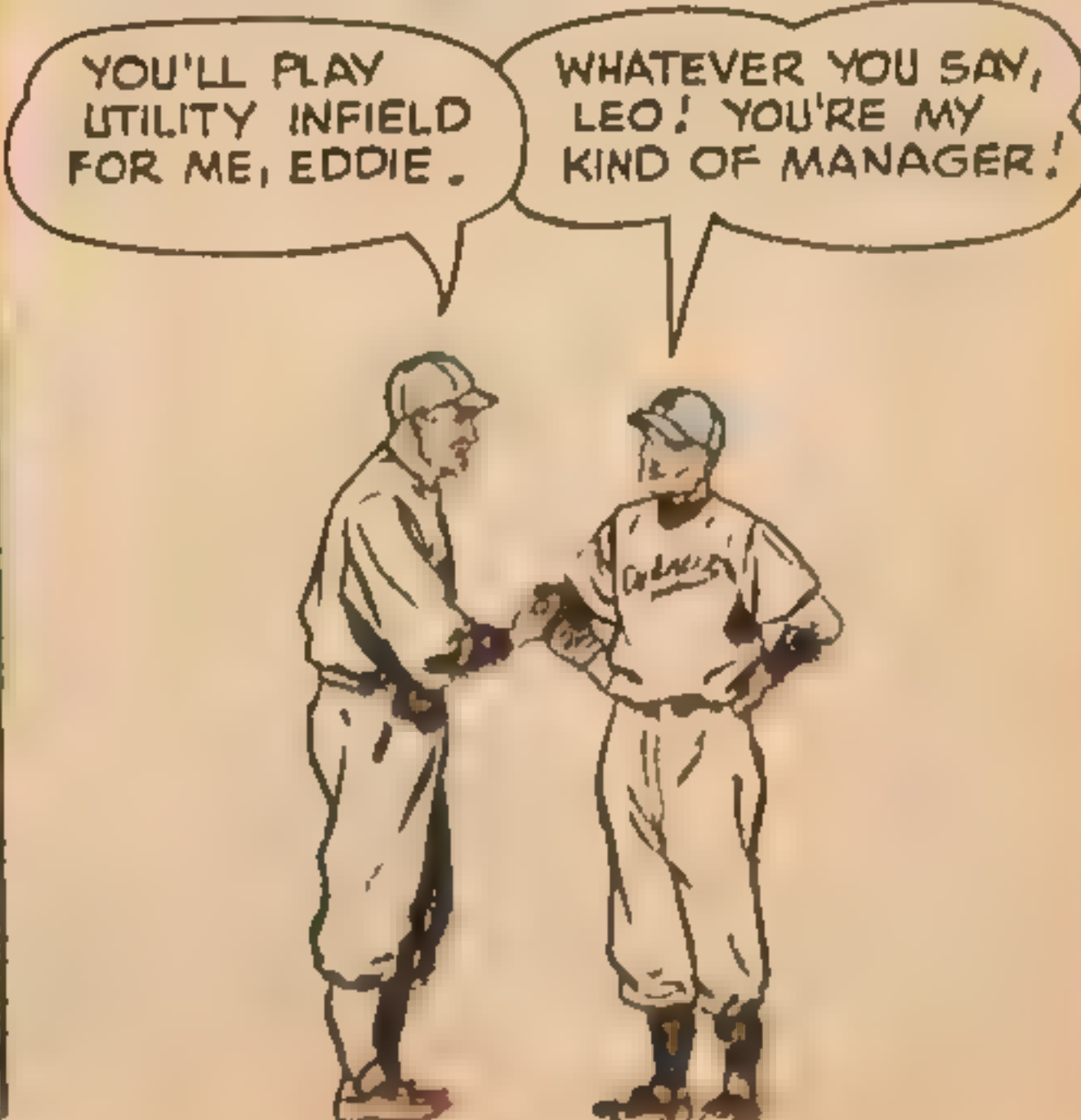
I PLAYED WINNING BALL FOR YOU AT MILWAUKEE, CHARLIE!



EDDIE STANKY. BASEBALL HERO



AND IN THE MANAGER'S OFFICE EDDIE MET HIS NEW BOSS, LEO "THE LIP" DUROCHER!



IN 1944 EDDIE PLAYED IN THIRTEEN GAMES FOR THE CUBS AND IN EIGHTY-NINE FOR THE DODGERS, MOSTLY AT SHORTSTOP WHERE HE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE ABSENT PEE WEE REESE, THEN IN THE NAVY. HIS AVERAGE ROSE TO .273, BUT HE WORKED MANY BASES ON BALLS.

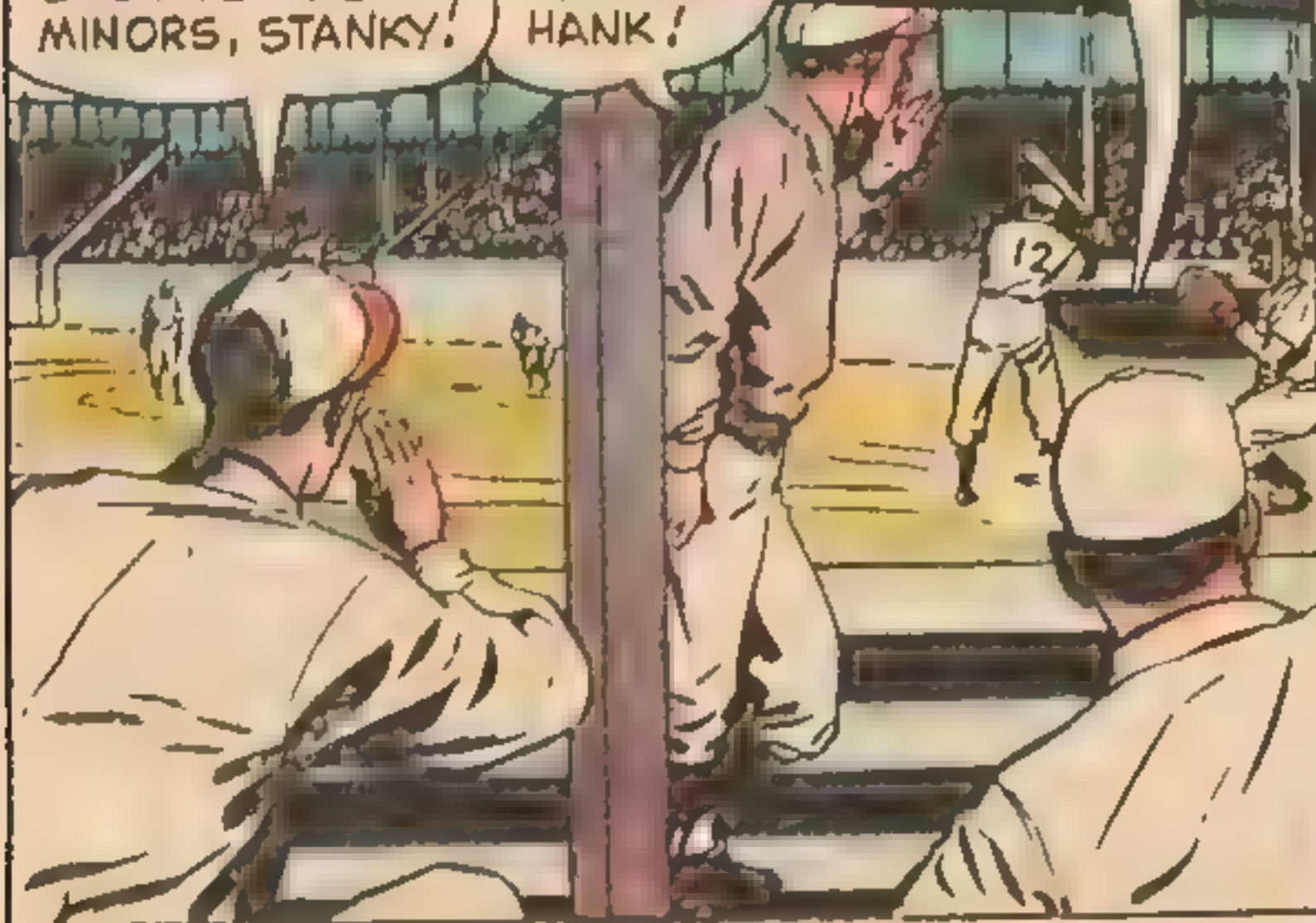
EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

DETERMINED TO BECOME A STAR, EDDIE GOT ON BASE EACH DAY WITH TIMELY HITS AND CLEVERLY WORKED BASES ON BALLS. BUT THE CHICAGO CUBS, HIS OLD TEAM, WERE EQUALLY DETERMINED TO WIN THE 1945 PENNANT!

BACK TO THE MINORS, STANKY!

STRIKE HIM OUT, HANK!

GET STANKY!



VETERAN HANK BOROWY OF THE CUBS HAD TWO STRIKES ON EDDIE IN A PAST GAME, USING ALL HIS SKILL AS A BATTER....

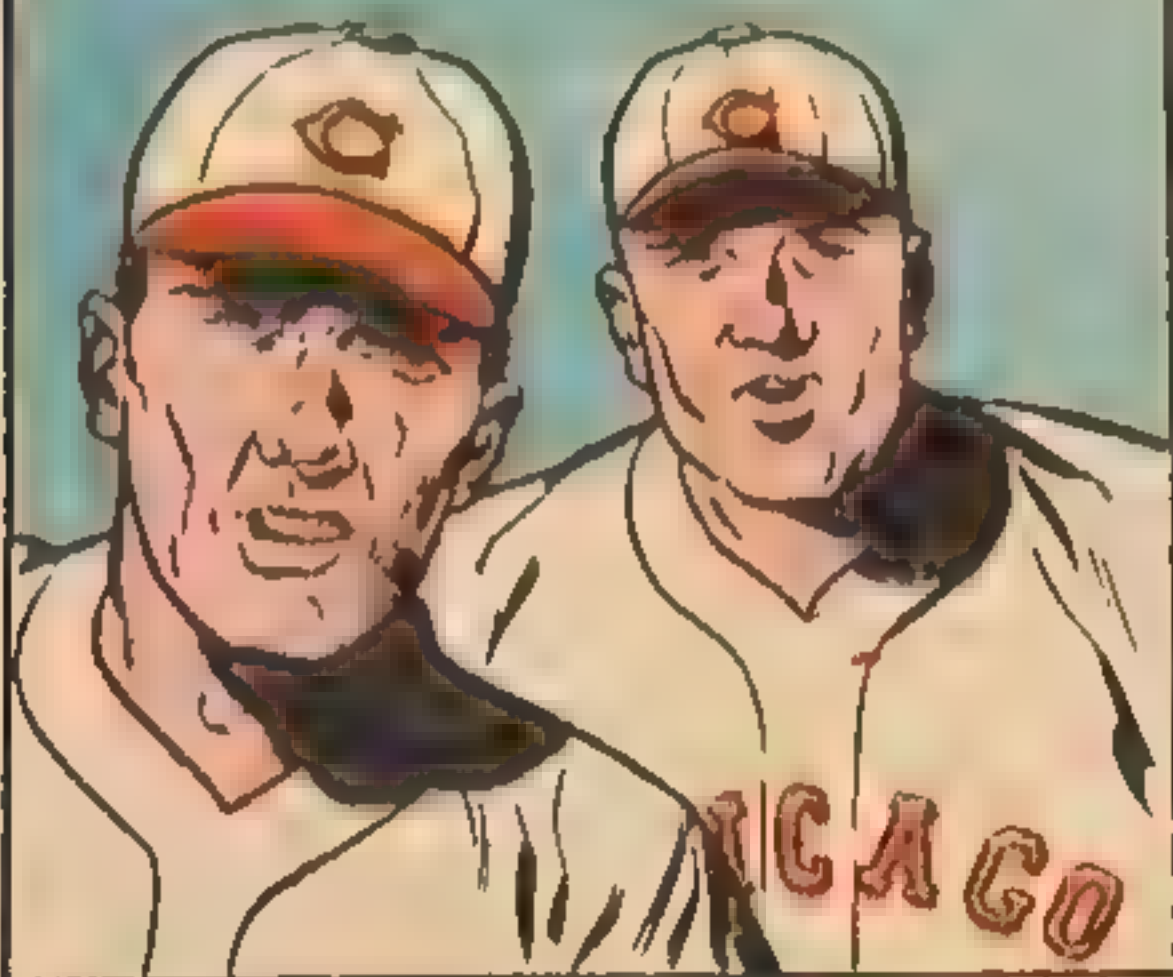
FOUL BALL!



...EDDIE RAN THE COUNT TO TWO BALLS AND TWO STRIKES!

KEEP YOUR FOOT IN THE BATTER'S BOX, STANKY!

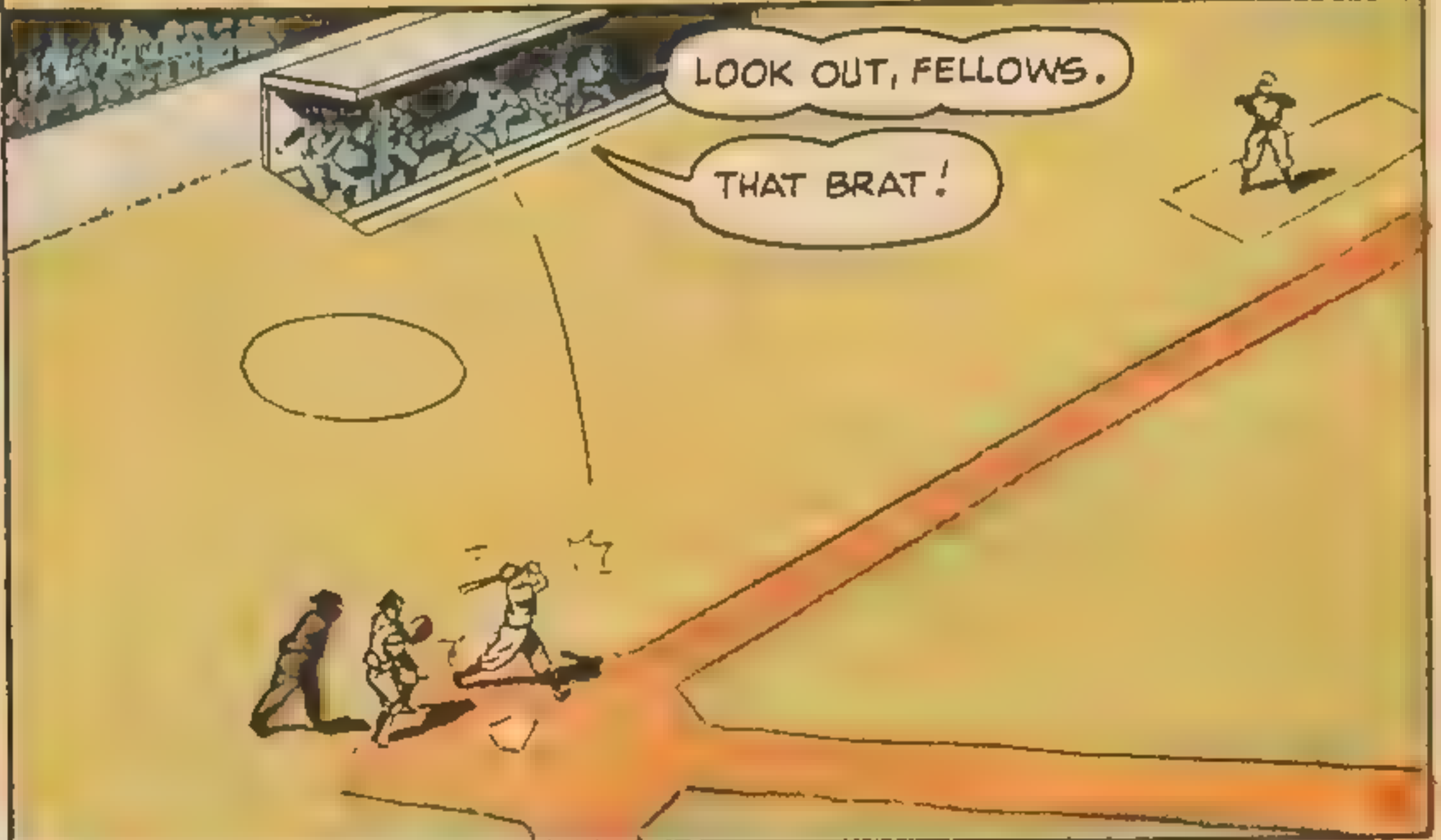
HEY, UMP! STANKY'S CHEATING.



BUT EDDIE GOT EVEN WITH HIS TORMENTORS! WITH A TWIST OF HIS WRIST EDDIE FLICKED A FOUL INTO THE CUB DUGOUT! THEN HE DREW A FOURTH BALL FROM THE FLUSTERED BOROWY!

LOOK OUT, FELLOWS.

THAT BRAT!



ON SEPTEMBER 9TH EDDIE WORKED HIS 120TH WALK, A DODGER RECORD, OFF CINCINNATI PITCHER, MIKE MODAK. HE WAS ALSO STARRING IN THE FIELD, GOING ERRORLESS IN TWENTY-SIX STRAIGHT GAMES ACCEPTING 115 CONSECUTIVE CHANCES WITHOUT A MISCUE!



AND ON SEPTEMBER 30TH, EDDIE GOT HIS 148TH WALK, A LEAGUE RECORD!

HOW DOES HE DO IT?



PLAYING IN 153 GAMES, EDDIE GOT ONLY 143 HITS IN 1945. BUT HE LED THE NATIONAL LEAGUE IN RUNS SCORED, WITH 128! AND IF HIS WALKS HAD BEEN COUNTED HE WOULD HAVE BEEN BATTING CHAMPION, WITH A .414 MARK!

HE ALSO LED ALL SECOND BASEMEN WITH 904 CHANCES AND 101 DOUBLE PLAYS!

EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

PAIRED WITH PEE WEE REESE, EDDIE BEGAN MANY STARTLING DOUBLE PLAYS AS THE 1946 SEASON GOT UNDER WAY AND THE DODGERS QUICKLY TOOK SECOND PLACE!

STANKY DID IT AGAIN!



EDDIE BATTLED FOR EVERY PUT-OUT, EVERY HIT!

I HAD HIM OUT BY A MILE! YOU MUST HAVE HAD YOUR BACK TURNED!

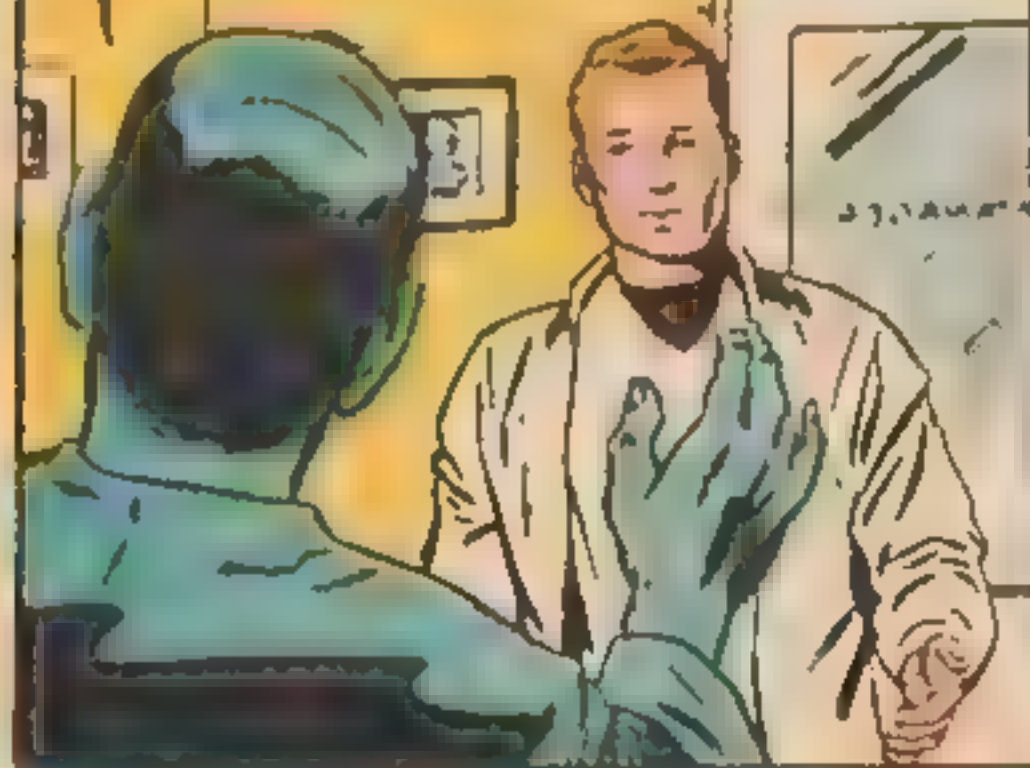
THAT'S ALL, STANKY! TAKE A SHOWER!



AFTER THAT GAME....

DON'T GET DOWN ON THE UMPIRES SO MUCH, EDDIE. WE NEED YOU IN THE GAME.

I'M KIND OF SURPRISED AT YOU, LEO, BAWLING ME OUT!



BUT THE NEXT DAY.....

WHERE'S YOUR SPECTACLES, UMP! THAT BALL YOU CALLED A STRIKE WAS OVER STANKY'S HEAD!

GET GOING, DUROCHER!

WHAT WAS THAT YOU TOLD ME YESTERDAY, LEO?



INSPired BY LEO'S LEADERSHIP, THE HITTING OF DIXIE WALKER AND THE DASHING PLAY OF REESE AND STANKY, THE DODGERS WARRED FOR THE FLAG AGAINST THE CARDINALS. IN SEPTEMBER, ROOKIE RALPH BRANCA WON A VITAL GAME!



AND THE SEASON ENDED WITH THE CARDINALS AND DODGERS TIED FOR FIRST PLACE.

BUT IN THE PLAYOFF...

IT'S ALL OVER!

THE CARDS WIN!



THE DODGER VETERANS AND ROOKIES FELL TO ST. LOUIS AFTER A THRILLING NINTH INNING RALLY WHICH ENDED AS SCHULTZ STRUCK OUT.

IT WAS A GREAT SEASON, EDDIE!

JUST WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR, LEO!



EDDIE BATTED .273 THAT SEASON. HE SCORED 98 TIMES — SECOND IN THE LEAGUE, LED LEAGUE WITH 137 WALKS — FOR A TOTAL BASE AVERAGE OF .554! HIS 88 DOUBLEPLAYS ALSO WERE THE HIGHEST IN THE CIRCUIT!

EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

BUT BEFORE THE 1947 SEASON BEGAN....

THE BUMS'LL MISS HIM!

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LEO SUSPENDED BY CHANDLER FOR ONE YEAR

AND A FEW DAYS LATER...

I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU, JACKIE! I'LL SHOW YOU THE ROPES AROUND HERE.

THANKS, EDDIE.

JACKIE ROBINSON, THE BRILLIANT ALL-STAR ATHLETE AND THE FIRST NEGRO IN ORGANIZED BASEBALL, JOINED THE DODGERS.

THE DODGERS' NEW MANAGER WAS CALM, SOFT-SPOKEN BURT SHOTTON.

I HEAR YOU'RE A FINE TEAM-PLAYER, EDDIE. YOU'LL STAY ON SECOND AND JACKIE'LL PLAY FIRST.

WITH JACKIE IN THE LINE-UP, WE'LL BEAT THE CARDS FOR THE FLAG, MR. SHOTTON.

AFTER A SLOW START, THE DODGERS GRABBED THE LEAD IN JULY, WINNING 25 OF 33 GAMES!

WE WIN AGAIN!

YOU STOLE BASES LIKE GREASED LIGHTNING, JACKIE!

YOUR THREE DOUBLEPLAYS AND TWO WALKS SURE HELPED, TOO, EDDIE!

AND IN LATE SEPTEMBER....

WE'RE CHAMPIONS!

YOU'RE SOME SHORTSTOP, PFE WEE!

YOU'RE THE WALKING MAN, EDDIE!

LET'S BEAT THE YANKS, TOO, BOYS!

AND AT LONG LAST, EDDIE STANKY, THE LITTLE GUY IN A BIG MAN'S GAME, WAS IN A WORLD SERIES. ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1947 AT YANKEE STADIUM, HE WAS THE FIRST BATTER AS THE DODGERS FACED THEIR ANCIENT RIVALS!

BATTING FIRST FOR BROOKLYN IS NUMBER TWELVE, EDDIE STANKY!

EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

THE YANKS' FIVE-RUN RALLY OFF BRANCA GAVE THEM A COMMANDING LEAD IN THE FIRST GAME, BUT EDDIE KEPT TRYING. IN THE SIXTH INNING HE WAS THE FIRST BATTER TO FACE CHAMPION RELIEF PITCHER, JOE PAGE.



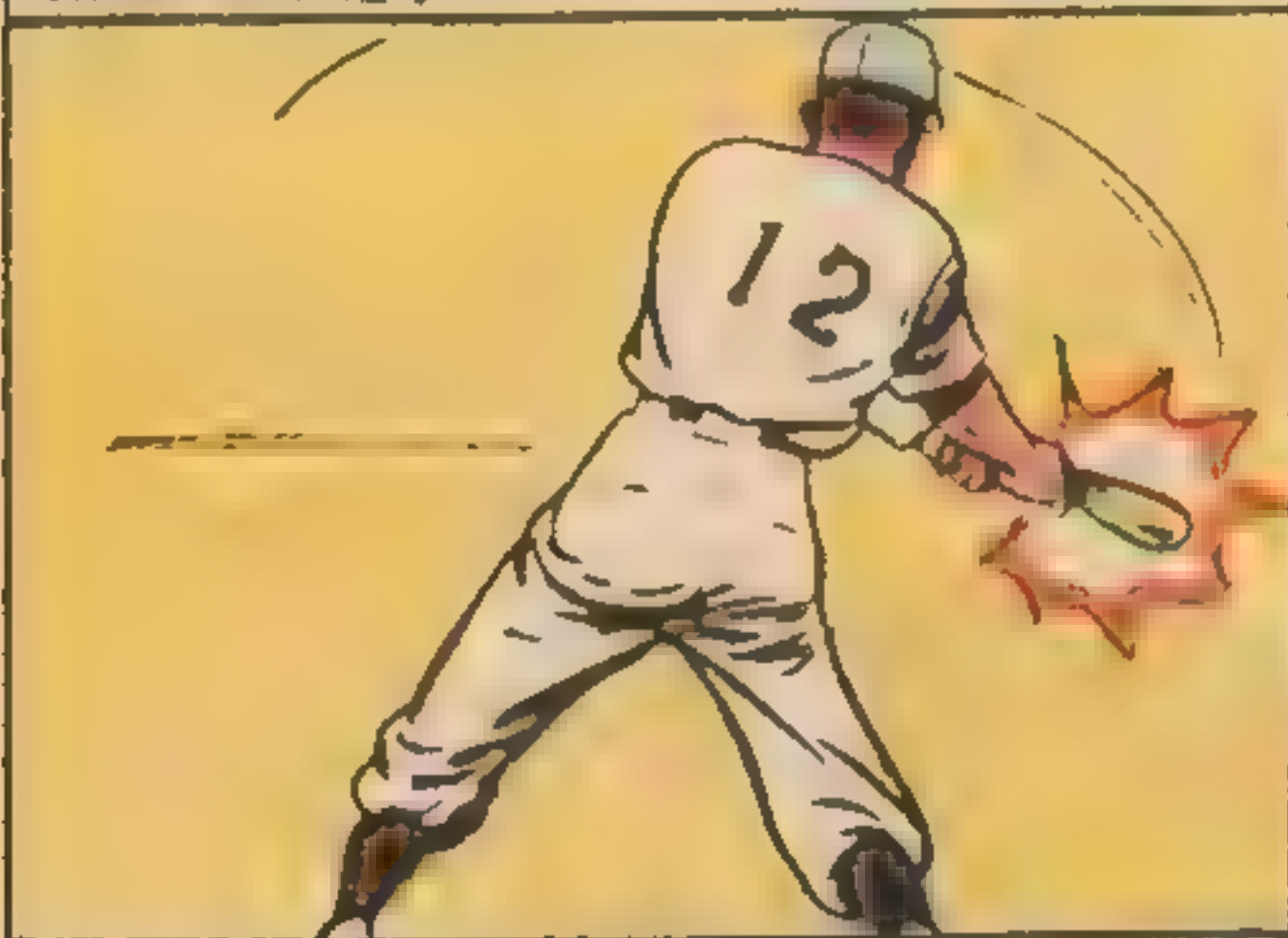
EDDIE SLAMMED OUT A SINGLE THAT LED TO A DODGER RUN. IN THE SEVENTH INNING HE ANNOYED PAGE SO MUCH THAT FIREMAN JOE UNCORKED A WILD PITCH, ENABLING REESE TO SCORE. BUT EVEN SO, THE DODGERS LOST, 5 TO 3.

EDDIE'S HOT SHOT SINGLE SCORED REESE IN THE THIRD INNING OF THE SECOND GAME!



BUT ALLIE REYNOLDS PITCHED THE YANKIES TO AN EASY 10 TO 3 TRIUMPH!

EDDIE'S TERRIFIC DOUBLE TO RIGHT WAS THE KEY HIT IN A RALLY WHICH KNOCKED BOBO NEWSOM OUT OF THE BOX IN THE THIRD GAME!



HIS BLAST SCORED TWO RUNS AND HE TALLIED HIMSELF. HE WALKED LATER, AS THE DODGERS VANQUISHED THE YANKS, 9 TO 8!

EDDIE WALKED TWICE IN THE FOURTH GAME, BUT YANKEE RIGHT-HANDER FLOYD BEVENS PITCHED NO-HIT BALL FOR EIGHT AND TWO-THIRDS INNINGS! BUT THEN COOKIE LAVAGETTO'S HISTORIC DOUBLE WON FOR THE DODGERS, 3 TO 2!



SPEC SHEA'S PITCHING BEAT THE DODGERS, 2 TO 1, IN THE FIFTH GAME. BUT IN THE SIXTH ENCOUNTER EDDIE'S TWO SMASHING SINGLES AND HIS DARING BASE-RUNNING WERE THE MARGIN IN AN 8 TO 6 DODGER VICTORY!



EDDIE'S SINGLE WAS THE LITTLE GUY'S LAST EFFORT AS THE SEVENTH AND DECISIVE GAME BEGAN. BUT A BIG FELLOW NAMED JOLTIN' JOE DIMAGGIO WAS TOO MUCH FOR THE DODGERS. HE SPARKED A FOUR-RUN RALLY WHICH COST THE DODGERS THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD AS THE YANKS WON, 5 TO 2.



IT WAS STILL A GREAT YEAR FOR LITTLE EDDIE!

STANKY'S RECORD FOR 1947

BATTING AVERAGE..... .252
SLUGGING AVERAGE.... .329
BASES ON BALLS..... 103**
AVERAGE WITH WALKS... .436
FIELDING AVERAGE.... .985*
DOUBLE PLAYS..... 123*

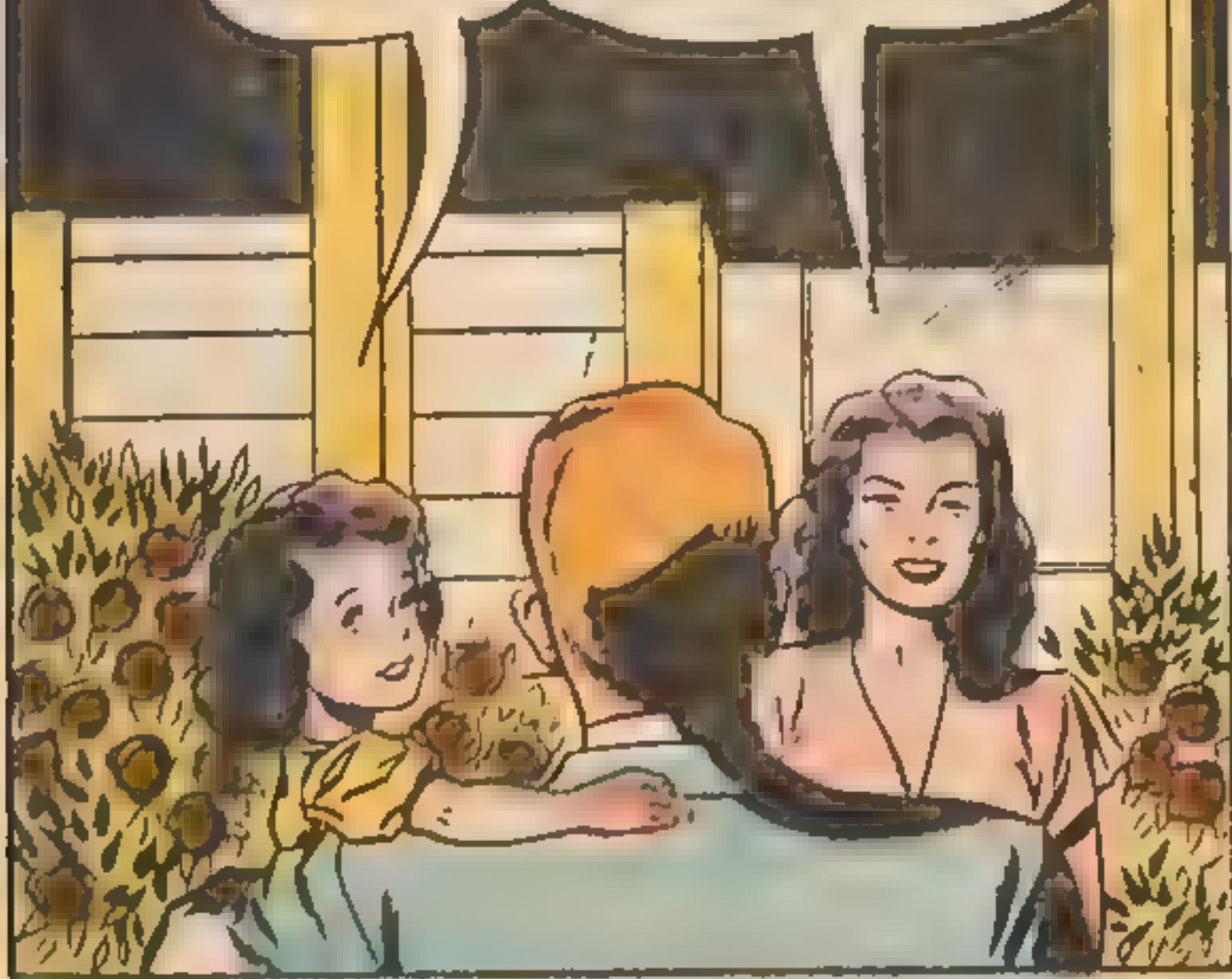
* LED LEAGUE
** 2nd IN LEAGUE

EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

ON FEBRUARY, 1948, EDDIE SAID GOODBYE TO HIS FAMILY IN MOBILE AND LEFT FOR THE DODGER CAMP!

BYE-BYE, DADDY!

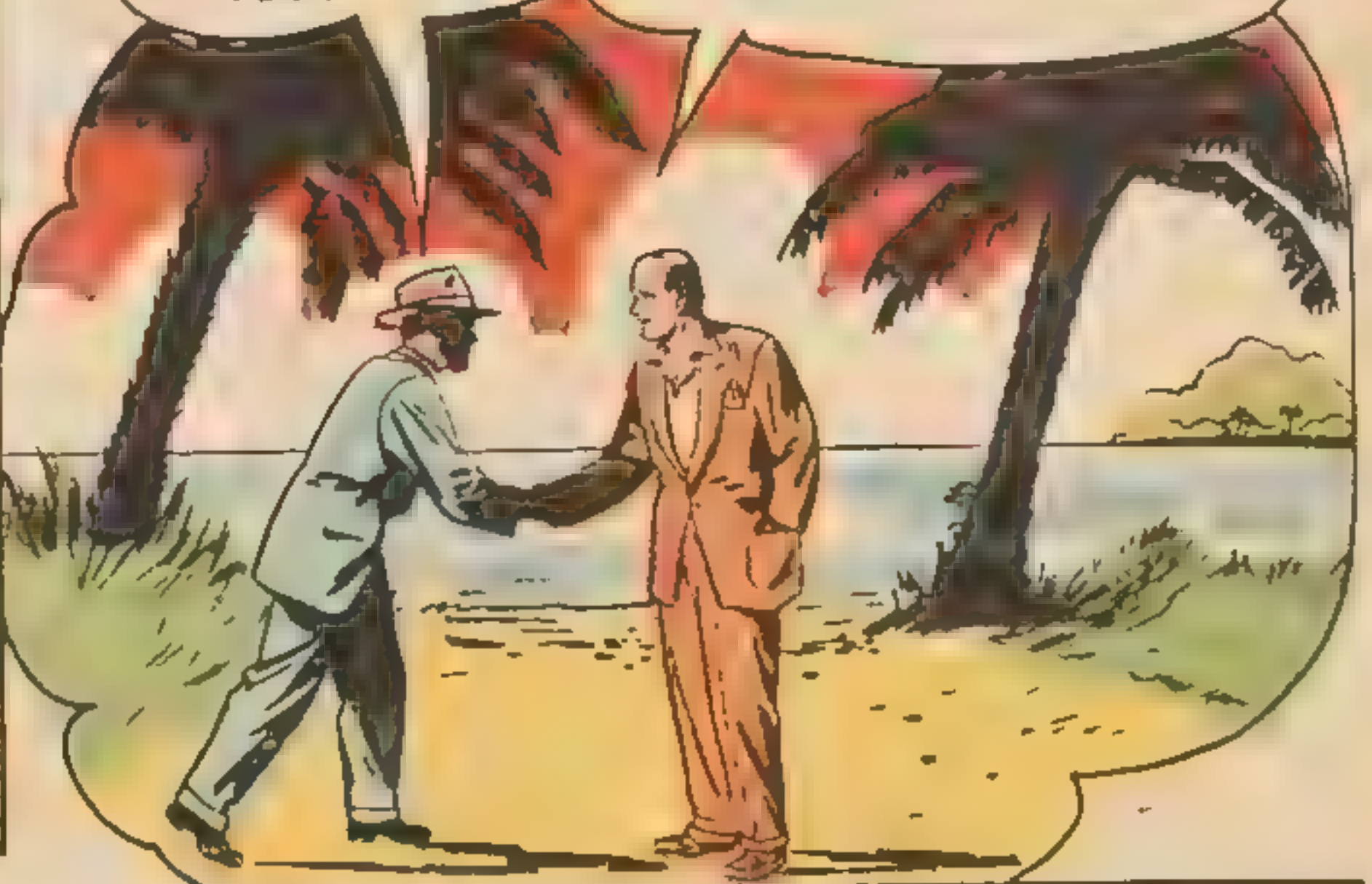
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, EDDIE.



AND IN SANTO DOMINGO, EDDIE WAS GREETED BY LEO DUROCHER, ONCE AGAIN ACTIVE DODGER MANAGER.

IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN, LEO!

I'VE MISSED ALL YOU BOYS SINCE I WAS SUSPENDED LAST YEAR, EDDIE!



EDDIE PRACTICED UNDER THE BLAZING TROPICAL SUN THAT DAY. AFTERWARDS...

I SEEM TO HAVE A CHILL!

YOU'D BETTER GO TO BED, EDDIE.

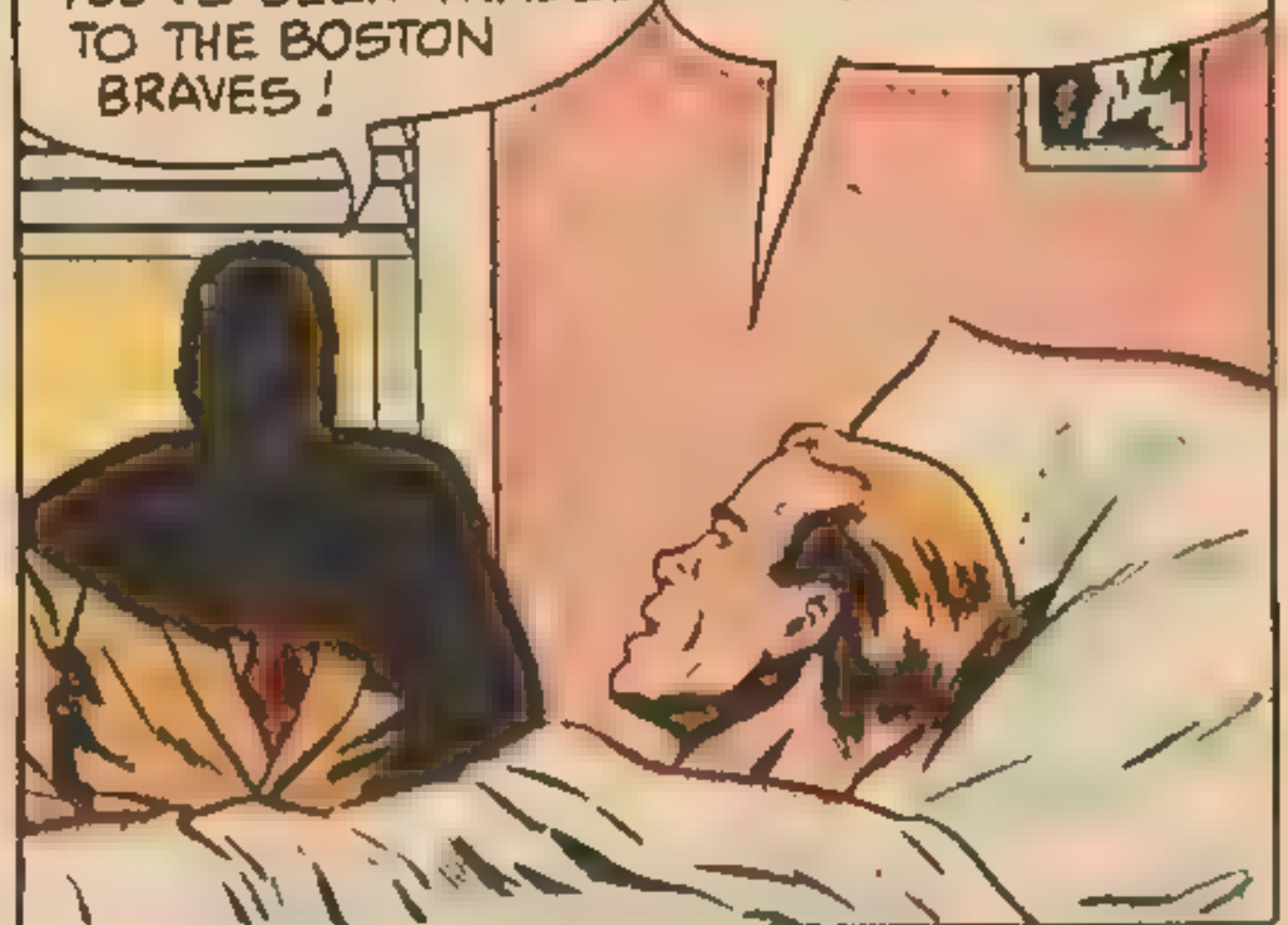
WHAT'S THE MATTER, EDDIE?



DOCTORS DIAGNOSED EDDIE'S ILLNESS AS PNEUMONIA. A FEW DAYS LATER...

THIS IS TERRIBLE, EDDIE! I KNOW YOU'LL BE OKAY, BUT I HAVE BAD NEWS. YOU'VE BEEN TRADED TO THE BOSTON BRAVES!

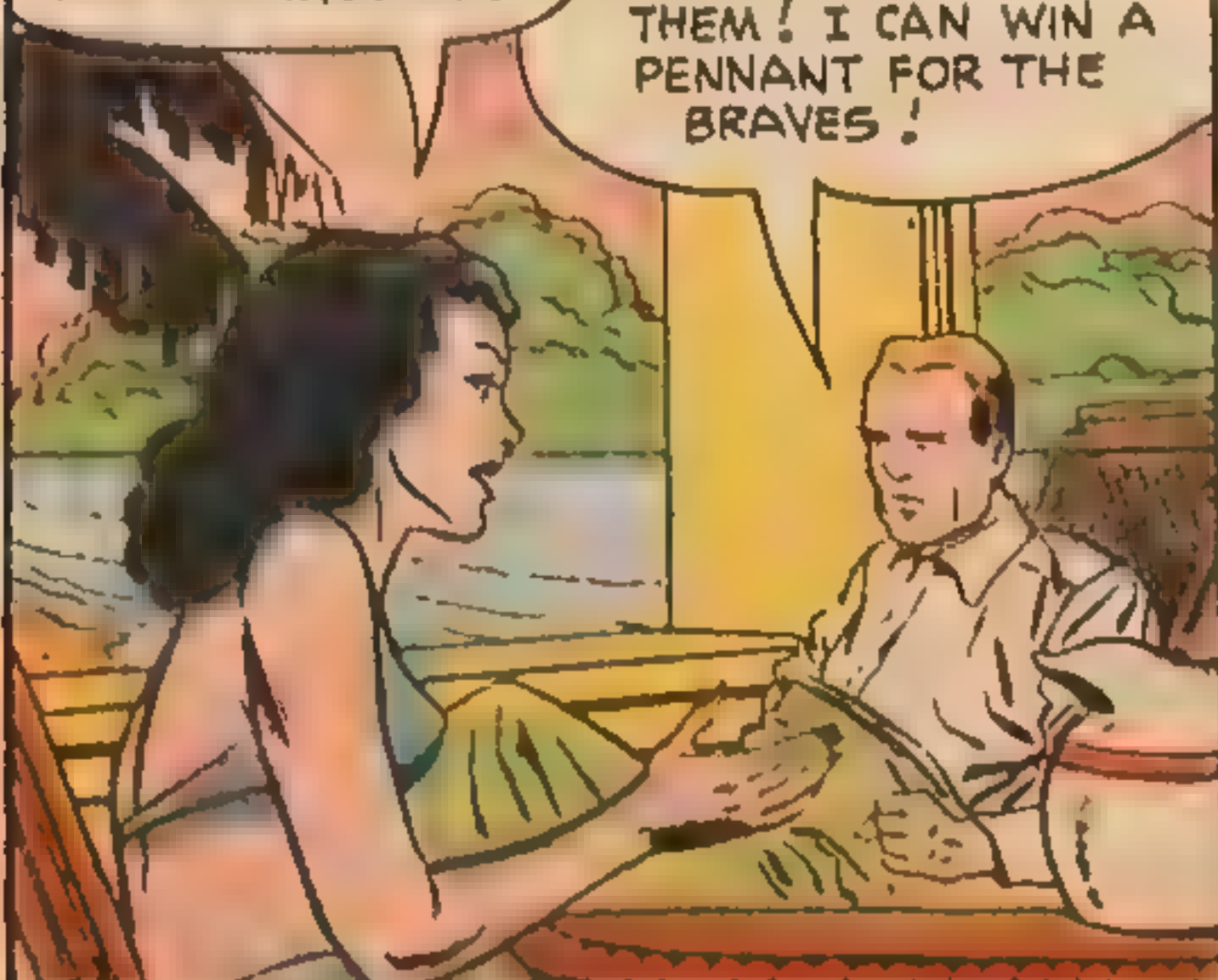
TRADED? I DON'T WANT TO GO, LEO! I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THE DODGERS!



SHOCKED BY THE NEWS OF HIS TRADE, EDDIE ASKED DICKIE TO FLY TO SANTO DOMINGO AND A WEEK LATER...

THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT THE TRADE, EDDIE.

OH, YES THERE IS, DICKIE! I CAN BEAT THE DODGERS EVERY TIME I PLAY THEM! I CAN WIN A PENNANT FOR THE BRAVES!



ONE WEEK LATER AT THE BRAVES' CAMP IN BRADENTOWN, FLORIDA, EDDIE MET MANAGER BILLY SOUTHWORTH.

I'M HERE AND READY TO PLAY THE BEST BALL OF MY LIFE, MR. SOUTHWORTH.

YOU CAN BE THE MAKING OF THE BRAVES, EDDIE.

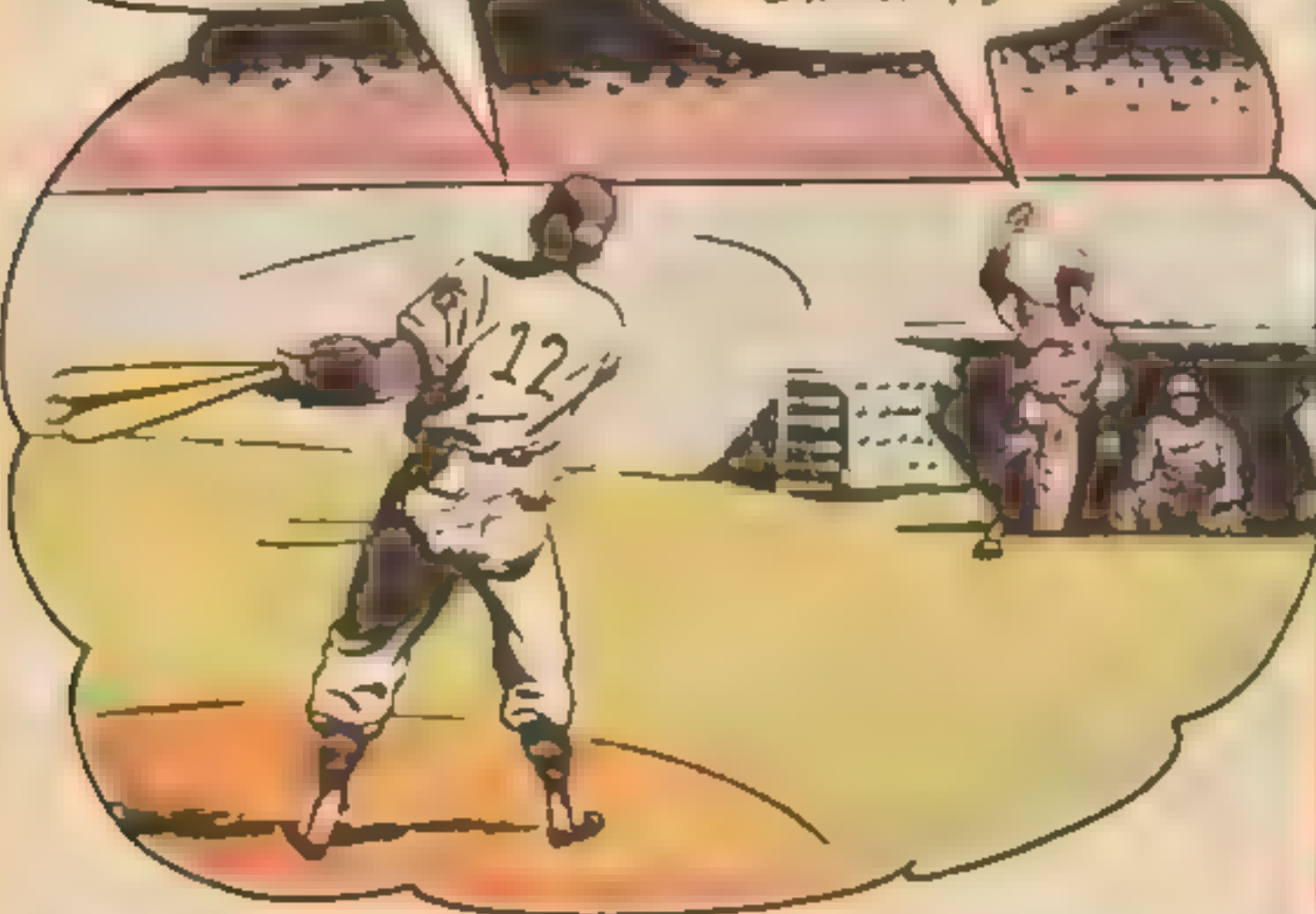


EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

EDDIE MISSED HIS OLD MANAGER, LEO DUROCHER. BUT WHEN THE BRAVES FIRST MET THE DODGERS IN 1948

YOU'RE A PALOOKA, DUROCHER----AND ALWAYS WERE.

I NEED YOU LIKE I NEED TWO LEFT ARMS, STANKY!



EDDIE TAUNTED ANOTHER OLD PAL, CATCHER BRUCE EDWARDS.

HI, UGLY! I SEE YOU'RE STILL WEARING THAT MASK TO COVER UP YOUR PUSS!

WHY THE BAT, SHRIMP? YOU NEVER USE IT!



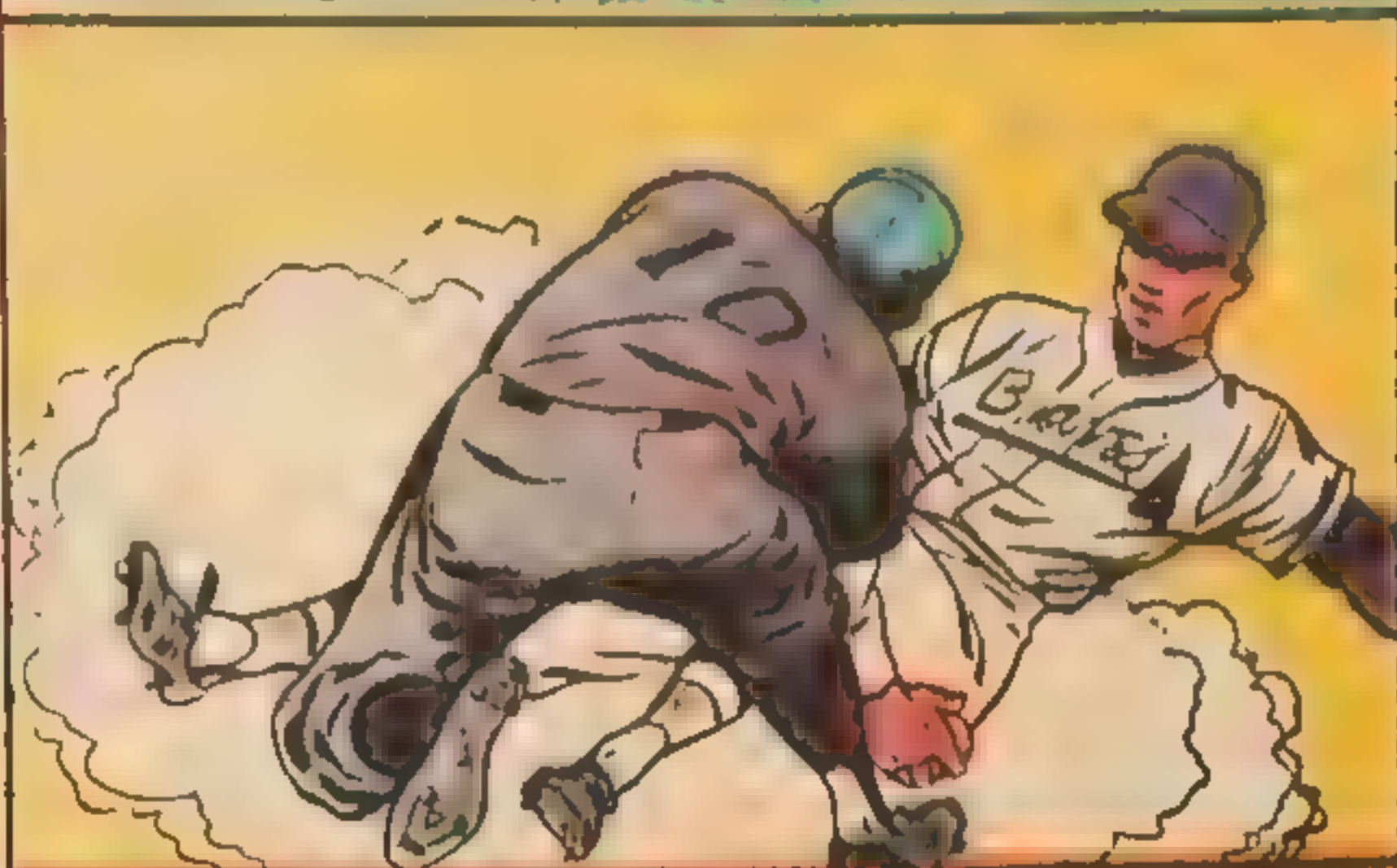
ON HIS EAGERNESS TO WIN, EDDIE EVEN SLASHED INTO HIS OLD PIVOT PARTNER, PEE WEE REESE!

STILL PLAYING AS HARD AS EVER, EH, EDDIE?

THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO WIN, PEE WEE!



ON JULY 8TH EDDIE CRASHED INTO DODGER BRUCE EDWARDS AT THIRD BASE, TRYING TO STRETCH A DOUBLE INTO A TRIPLE!



EDDIE LAY IN A HOSPITAL FOR WEEKS WITH HIS ANKLE BROKEN. ALTHOUGH HE HAD BEEN THEIR LEADING HITTER, THE BRAVES WERE ABLE TO RETAIN FIRST PLACE.

IN MID-SEPTEMBER, AS THE BRAVES BATTLED FOR THE FLAG...

I TELL YOU, I'M GOING TO THROW AWAY THESE CRUTCHES, BILLY. I'M READY TO PLAY!

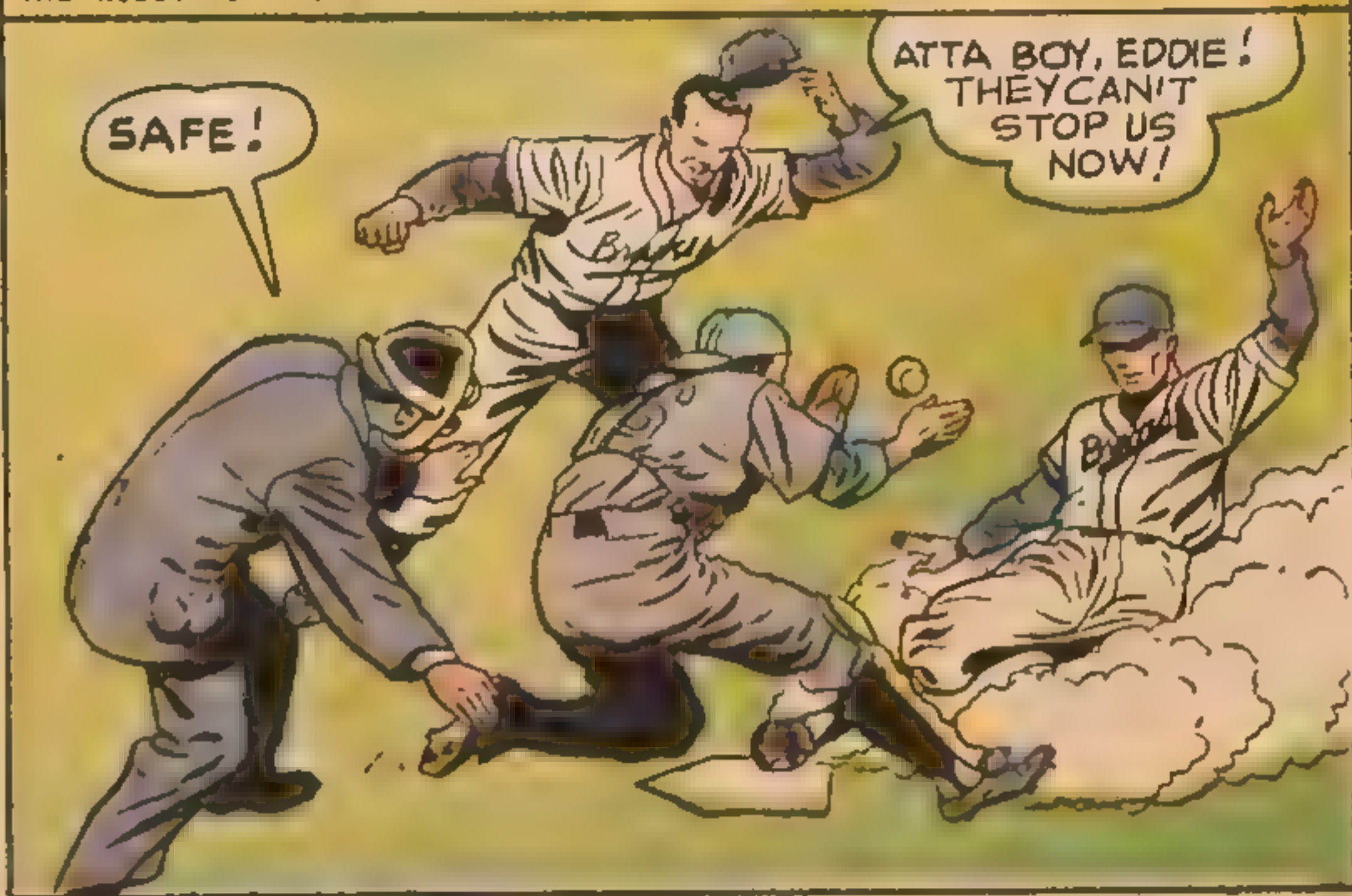
THAT'S THE SPIRIT, EDDIE! WE NEED YOU!



AND WITH STANKY BACK AT SECOND BASE, THE BRAVES WENT ON TO WIN THE PENNANT, EDDIE'S LONG HITS AND HEROIC SLIDES ON HIS INJURED ANKLE HELPING TO WIN VITAL GAMES!

SAFE!

ATTA BOY, EDDIE! THEY CAN'T STOP US NOW!

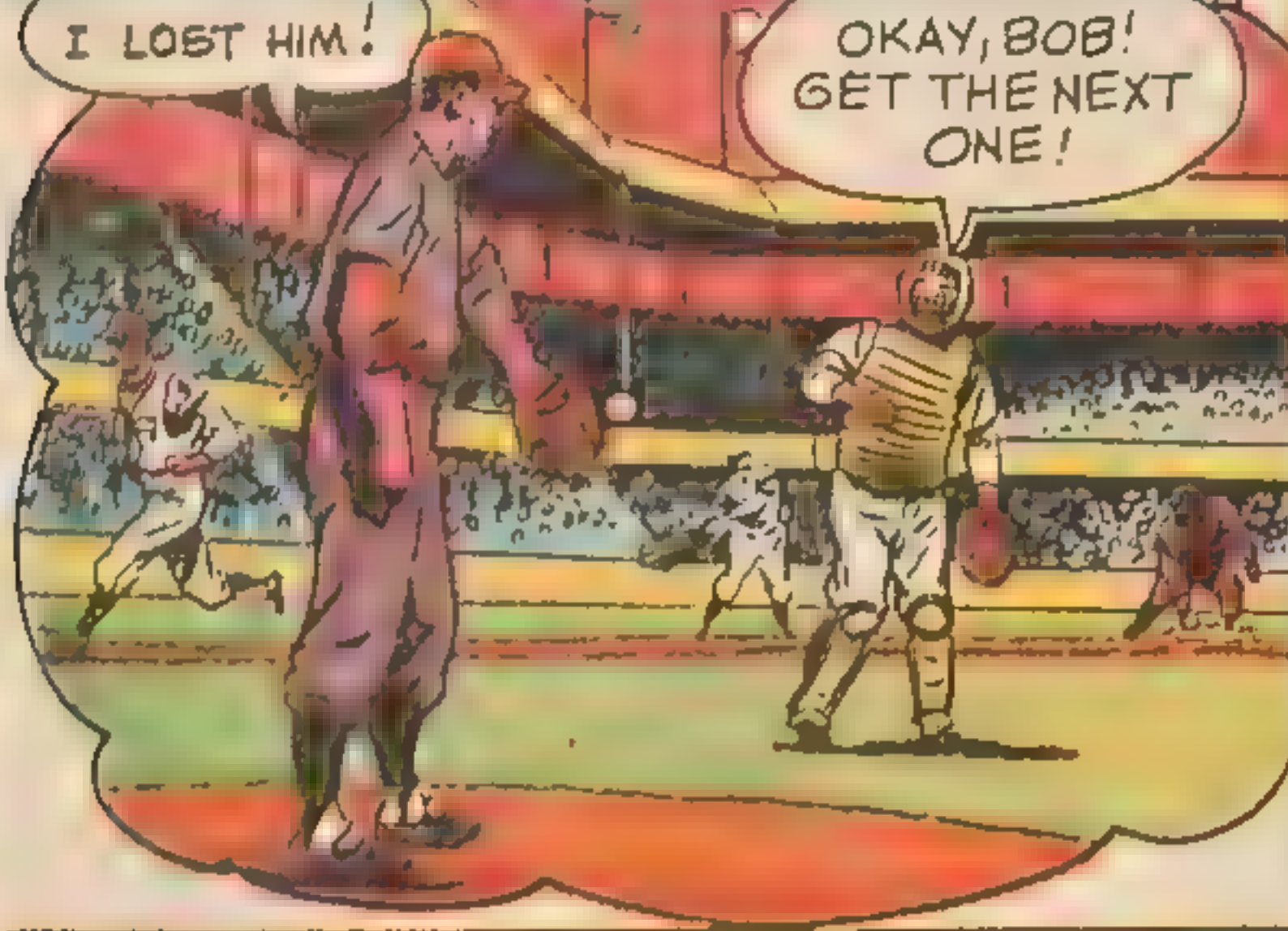


EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

IT WAS THE BRAVES' FIRST PENNANT SINCE 1914 AND ALL BOSTON WENT WILD! WITH MIGHTY BOB FELLER PITCHING FOR THE AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS, THE CLEVELAND INDIANS, THE FIRST GAME OF THE 1948 WORLD SERIES WENT SCORELESS UNTIL THE EIGHTH INNING, THEN SALKELD, LEADING OFF, WALKED.

I LOST HIM!

OKAY, BOB! GET THE NEXT ONE!



PHIL MASI, RUNNING FOR SALKELD, WAS SACRIFICED BY MIKE MCCORMICK TO SECOND, ON THE NEXT PITCH, FELLER WHIRLED, FIRED THE BALL TO LOU BOUDREAU, AND...

SAFE!



THE INDIANS ARGUED THAT BOUDREAU HAD PICKED MASI OFF SECOND, BUT UMPIRE STEWART HELD HIS DECISION!

EDDIE WAS UP NEXT AND HE WORKED EVERY TRICK HE KNEW TO GET ON BASE!

BALL FOUR!



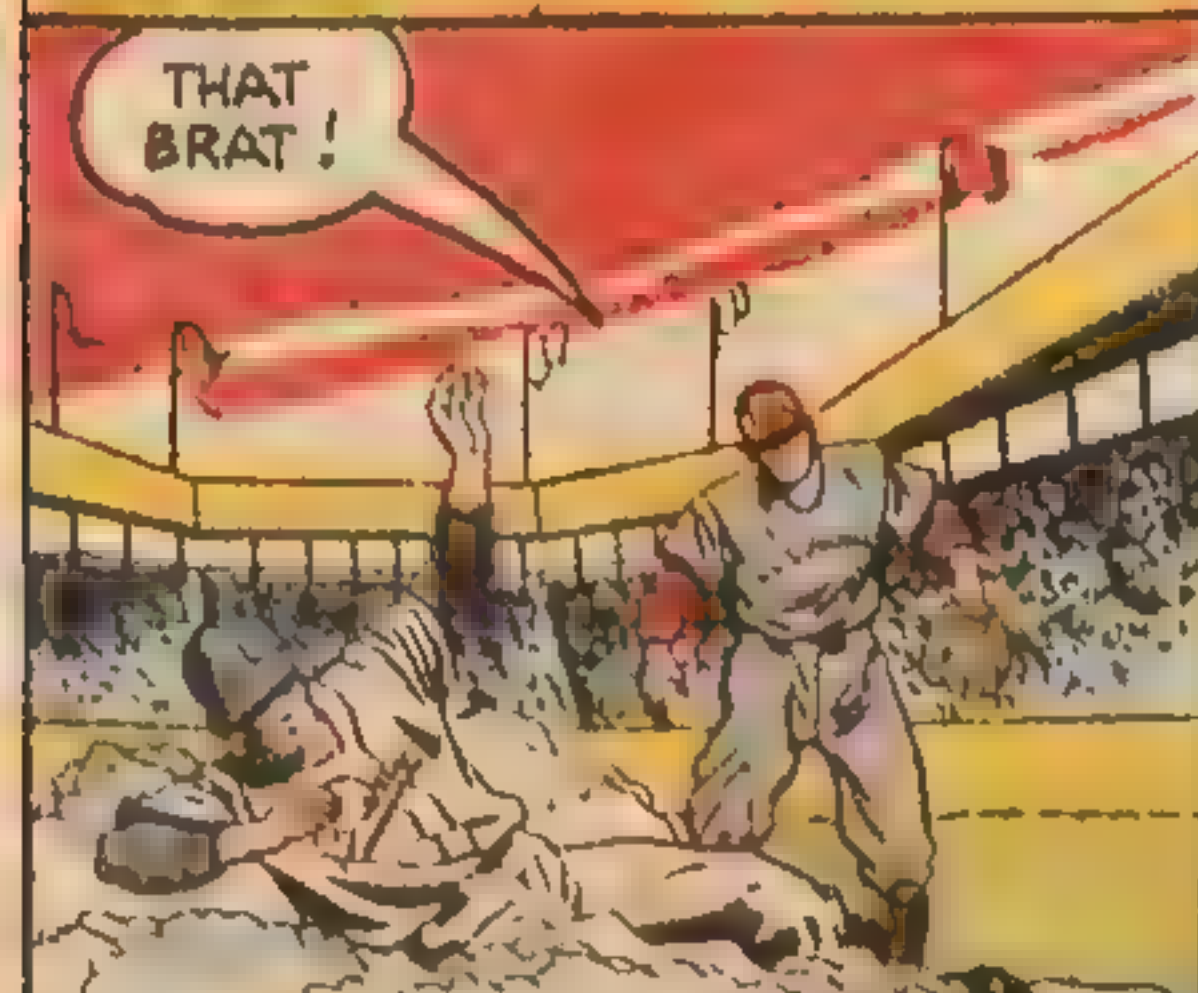
TOMMY HOLMES FOLLOWED STANKY WITH A SLASHING SINGLE TO TALLY MASI!



IT WAS THE GAME'S ONLY RUN AS JOHNNY SAIN BLANKED THE INDIANS, 1 TO 0.

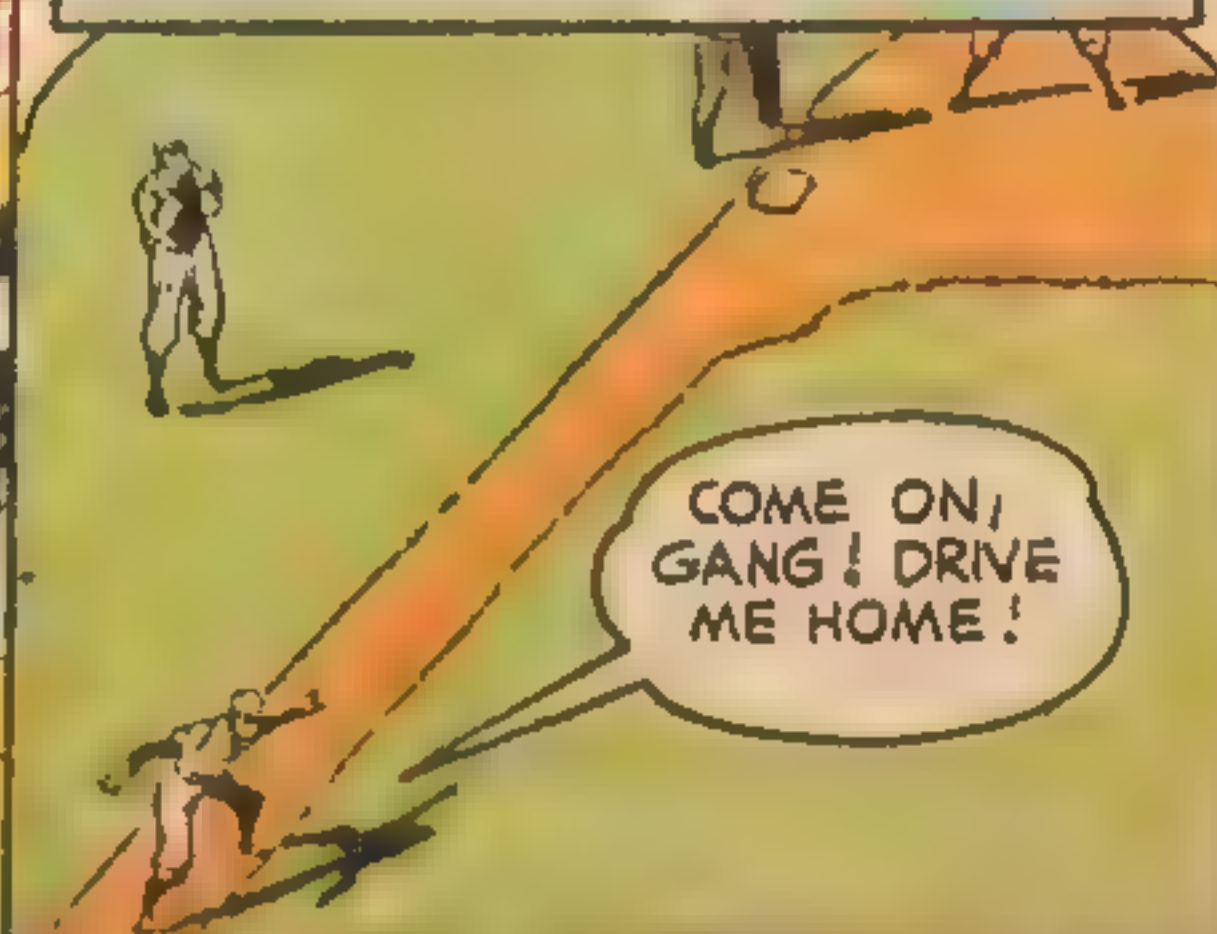
BUT BOB LEMON, THE INDIANS' TWENTY-GAME WINNER, HELD THE BRAVES TO ONE UNEARNED RUN IN THE SECOND GAME UNTIL THE NINTH INNING! THEN EDDIE DOUBLED FOR THE BRAVES' ONLY SOLID HIT.

THAT BRAT!



BUT EDDIE FAILED TO SCORE AND THE INDIANS WON, 4 TO 1!

THE INDIANS' STAR SOUTHPAW, GENE BEARDON, WAS EVEN TOUGHER IN THE THIRD GAME. ONLY FOUR BRAVES HAD REACHED FIRST BASE BY THE NINTH INNING WHEN EDDIE SINGLED AND WENT TO THIRD ON TWO OUTS!



COME ON, GANG! DRIVE ME HOME!

BUT EDDIE COULD NOT SCORE, THE INDIANS TRIUMPHING AGAIN, 2 TO 0.

BEFORE A RECORD 81,897 FANS, SAIN AND GROMER STAGED ANOTHER MIGHTY PITCHERS' BATTLE IN THE FOURTH GAME. BUT LARRY DOBY BELTED A TERRIFIC DRIVE THAT WON FOR CLEVELAND, 2 TO 1!



EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

IT LOOKED AS IF IT WERE ALL OVER FOR THE BRAVES WHEN BIG JIM HEGAN, THE CLEVELAND CATCHER, WALLOPED A HOMER IN THE FOURTH INNING OF THE FIFTH GAME, WITH TWO ON!

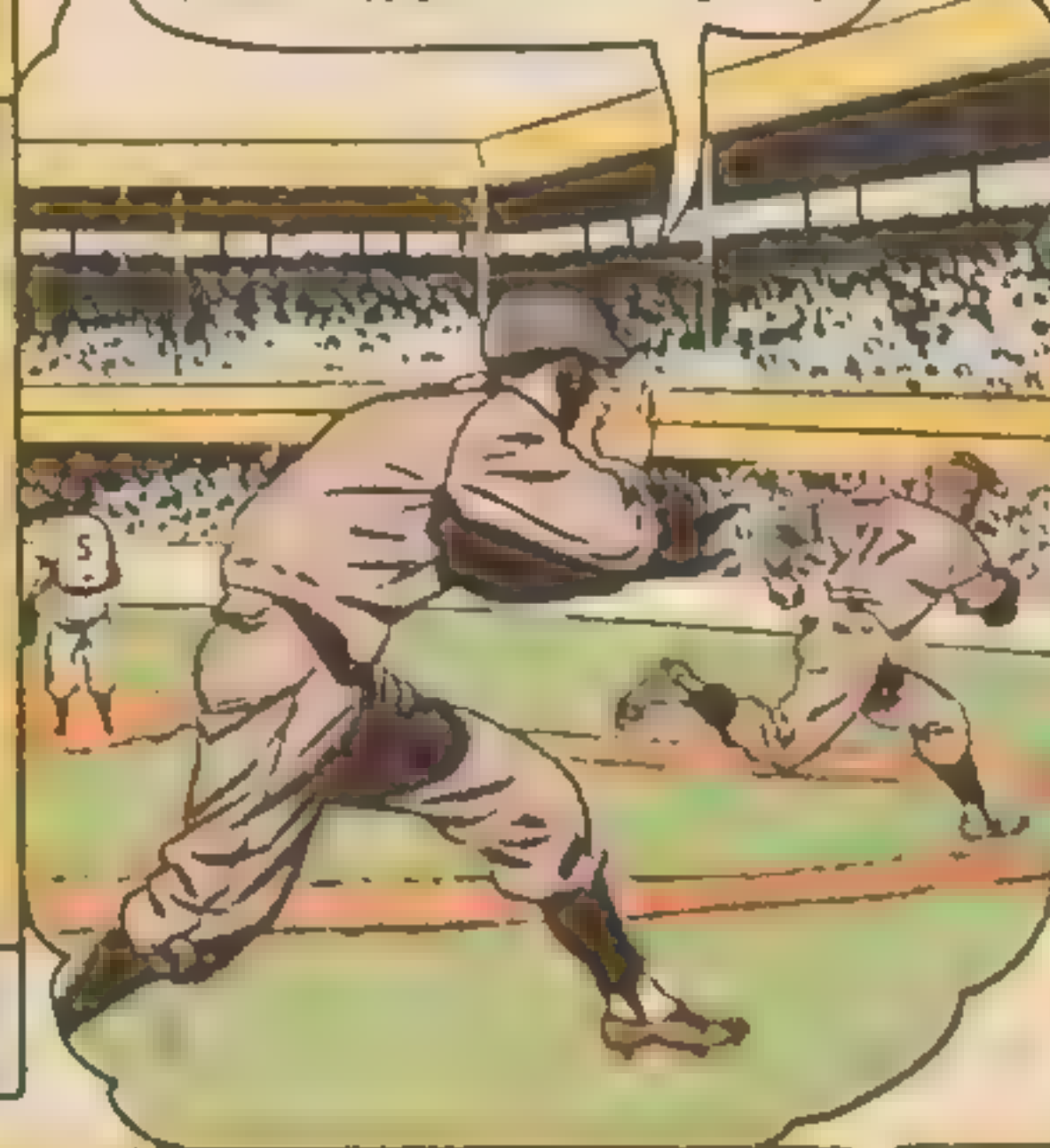
WITH THEIR BACKS AGAINST THE WALL, THE BRAVES RALLIED TO SCORE THREE RUNS.

THAT TIES THE SCORE!

WITH TWO MEN ON, EDDIE CAME TO BAT! MANAGER SOUTHWORTH APPEALED TO HIM!

TWO MEN OUT, EDDIE! DO SOMETHING! WALK, HIT, ANYTHING, BUT GET ON BASE!

FEELS LIKE I GOT A HIT IN THIS BAT, MR. SOUTHWORTH!



AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 7TH, THE INDIANS WERE LEADING, 5 TO 2.

RUSS CHRISTOPHER, INDIAN HURLER, PITCHED CAREFULLY TO EDDIE, GIVING HIM ONLY OUTSIDE BALLS, BUT EDDIE REACHED FOR ONE AND BELTED IT SAFELY TO RIGHT, DRIVING IN THE TIE-BREAKING RUN!

THAT'S STANKY FOR YOU!



AND THE BRAVES WENT ON TO WIN, 11 TO 5!

ON THE LAST GAME OF THE SERIES AND THE BIGGEST GAME OF HIS CAREER, LITTLE EDDIE STANKY GAVE HIS ALL TO WIN FOR THE BRAVES!

WITH THE SCORE TIED 1 TO 1 IN THE FOURTH, TWO WERE ON AS EDDIE WENT TO BAT!

BALL FOUR!



EDDIE'S MAGIC EYE WON HIM A PASS, FILLING THE BAGS, BUT BILL VOISÉLLE FAILED IN THE FINCH, HITTING AN EASY GROUNDER!

THE INDIANS TALLIED TWICE IN THE SIXTH AND ONCE IN THE EIGHTH. BUT THE BRAVES FOUGHT BACK TO MAKE IT 4 TO 3! IN THE NINTH EDDIE LED OFF WITH A WALK TO PUT THE TYING RUN ON FIRST!

HOW DO YOU PITCH TO THAT GUY ANYWAY?



EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

BUT EDDIE WAS UNABLE TO SCORE, AND THE GAME ENDED, CLEVELAND 4, BOSTON 3! EDDIE WAS THE FIRST TO GREET LOU BODREAU, GREAT MANAGER OF THE WORLD CHAMPION INDIANS!

CONGRATULATIONS, LOU!
YOU'RE CHAMP NOW!

YOU PLAYED A WONDERFUL
SERIES, EDDIE!

EDDIE'S CHAMPIONSHIP 1948 RECORD

BATTING..... .321 *
SLUGGING..... .417
FIELDING..... .981 **
SERIES BATTING AVE..... .286 ***
SERIES FIELDING AVE..... 1.000

* 7TH IN LEAGUE

** LED LEAGUE

*** 3D ON CLUB.

EDDIE WAS MOBILE'S MOST POPULAR RADIO
SPORTS COMMENTATOR THAT WINTER.

NOW HERE'S A LETTER FROM
YOUNG JOEY MOODY,
FANS. JOEY, I
THINK THE BRAVES
WILL WIN THE PEN-
NANT HANDS DOWN
NEXT YEAR.

DICKIE PRESENTED EDDIE WITH A BRAND NEW DAUGHTER.

MY SISTER,
DADDY!

SHE'S BEAUTIFUL,
DICKIE!

AND SHE LOOKS
LIKE YOU, EDDIE!

EDDIE REPORTED AT THE BRAVES' FLORIDA CAMP IN
EXCELLENT SHAPE FOR SPRING TRAINING. EARLY IN THE
1949 SEASON THE BRAVES VISITED THE POLO GROUNDS
TO PLAY THE GIANTS, NOW MANAGED BY DUROCHER.

I'D RATHER BEAT THE GIANTS
THAN ANY OTHER TEAM IN THE
LEAGUE, BOYS!

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE
SORE AT LEO FOR
TRADING YOU AWAY
FROM THE DODGERS.
ISN'T IT?

I BEAR NO GRUDGES. BUT LEO
DOES GET IN MY HAIR.

EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

GIANT FANS REMEMBERED EDDIE'S AGGRESSIVE PLAY, AND AT HIS FIRST TURN AT BAT....

BOO! BLAH! STRIKE STANKY OUT, JANSEN! BOO!

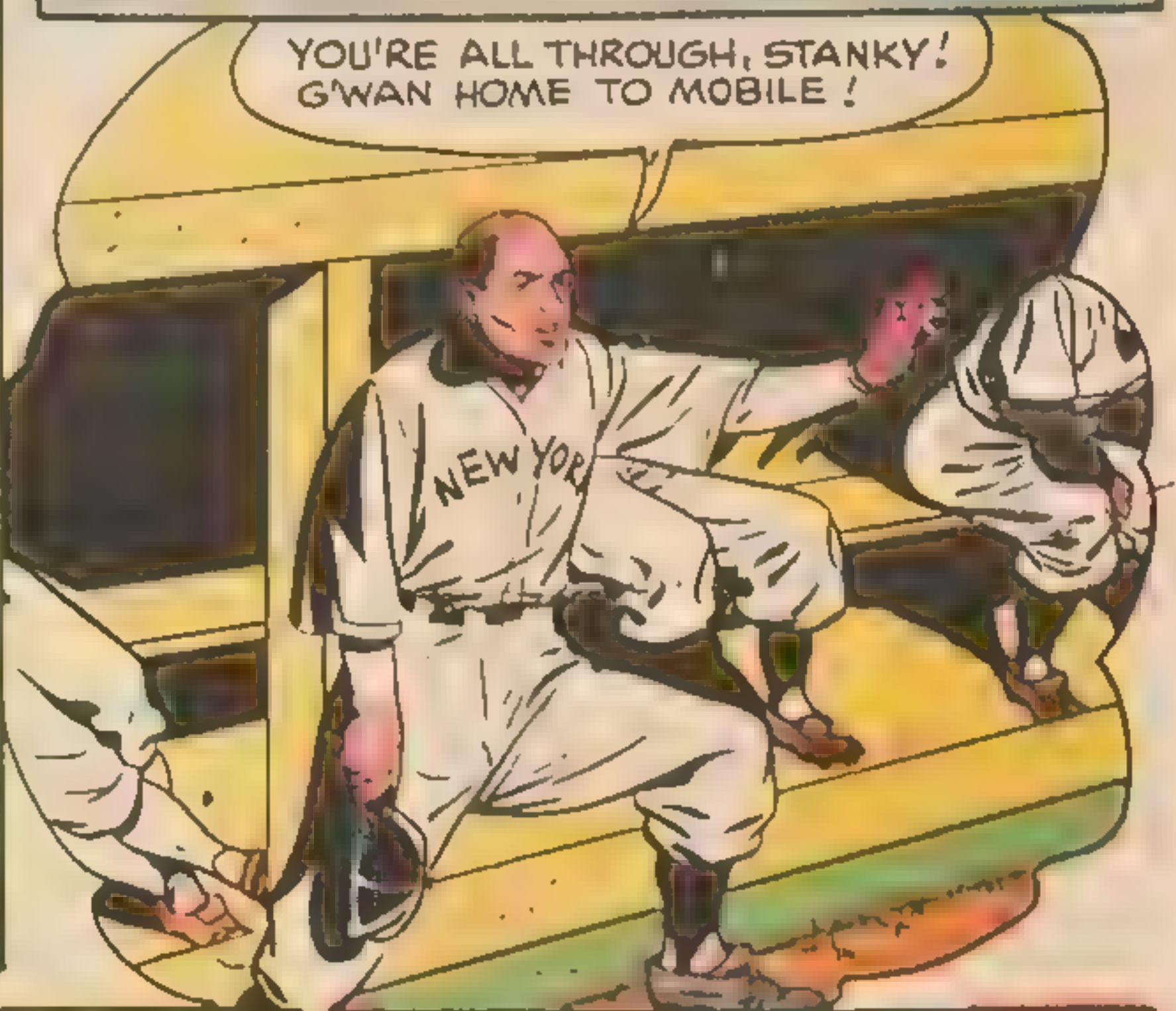
QUIET, YOU GUYS! STANKY'S THE BEST TEAM PLAYER IN BASEBALL!

HE'S A BUM!

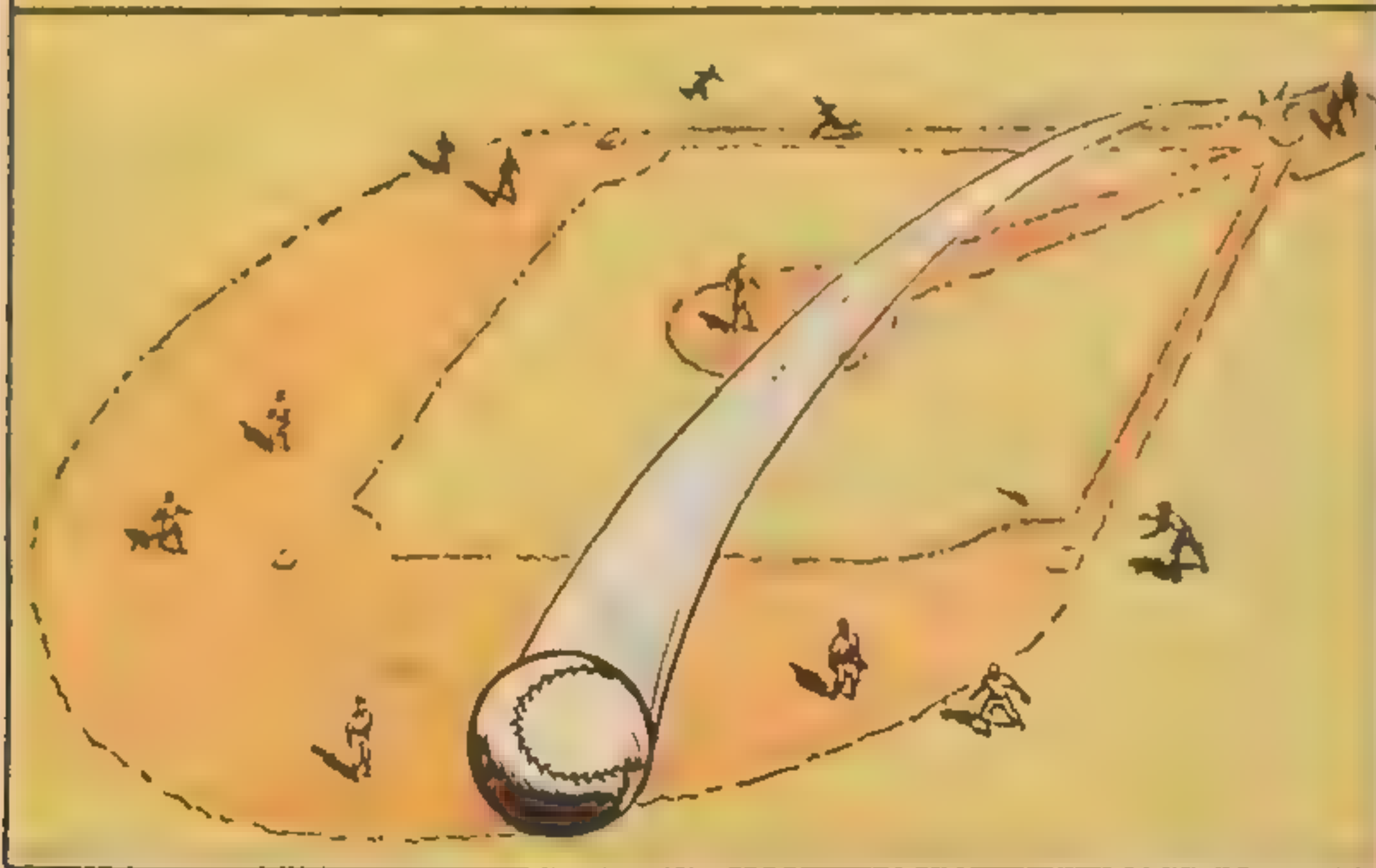


LEO DUROCHER JOINED IN THE RAZZING OF EDDIE!

YOU'RE ALL THROUGH, STANKY! G'WAN HOME TO MOBILE!



EDDIE FACED LARRY JANSEN, THE GIANTS' ACE HURLER! HE TICKED OFF HALF A DOZEN FOULS, THEN SLAMMED A CURVE BALL FOR A TRIPLE TO LEFT FIELD.



THAT BRAT IS A WINNING BALL PLAYER ALL RIGHT!



DESPITE EDDIE'S FINE PLAY, THE BRAVES GOT OFF TO A POOR START. IN JUNE, BRILLIANT YOUNG FIRSTSACKER, EARL TORGESON, BEAT OUT A HIT TO FIRST, BUT....

I'LL GET A RUNNER FOR YOU, EARL!

OH, MY ARM!



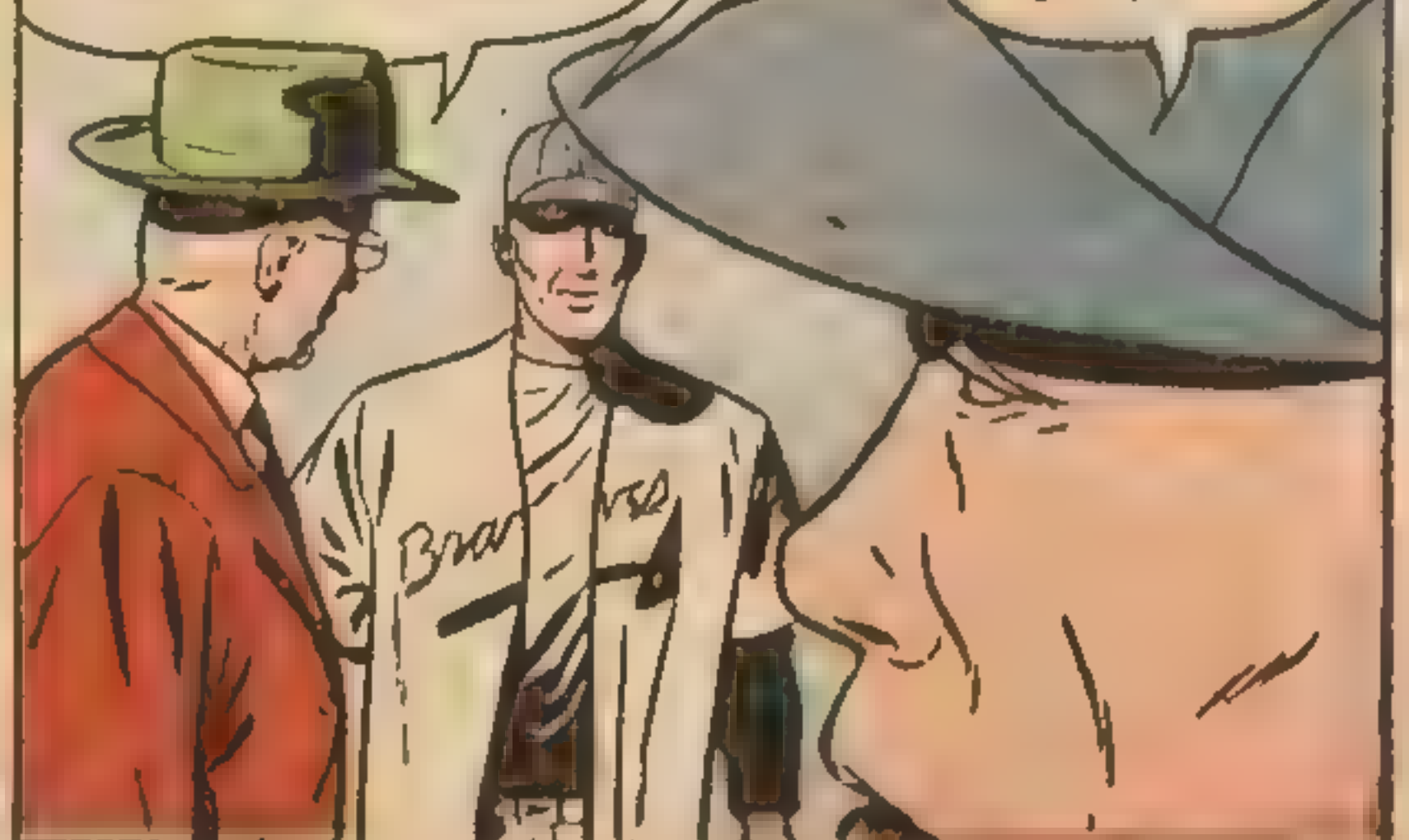
TORGESON WAS FOUND TO HAVE A SERIOUS SHOULDER SEPARATION AND WAS LOST TO THE BRAVES!

WORRIED BY HIS TEAM'S POOR SHOWING BECAUSE OF INJURIES TO STAR PLAYERS, MANAGER SOUTHWORTH HIMSELF FELL ILL IN AUGUST.

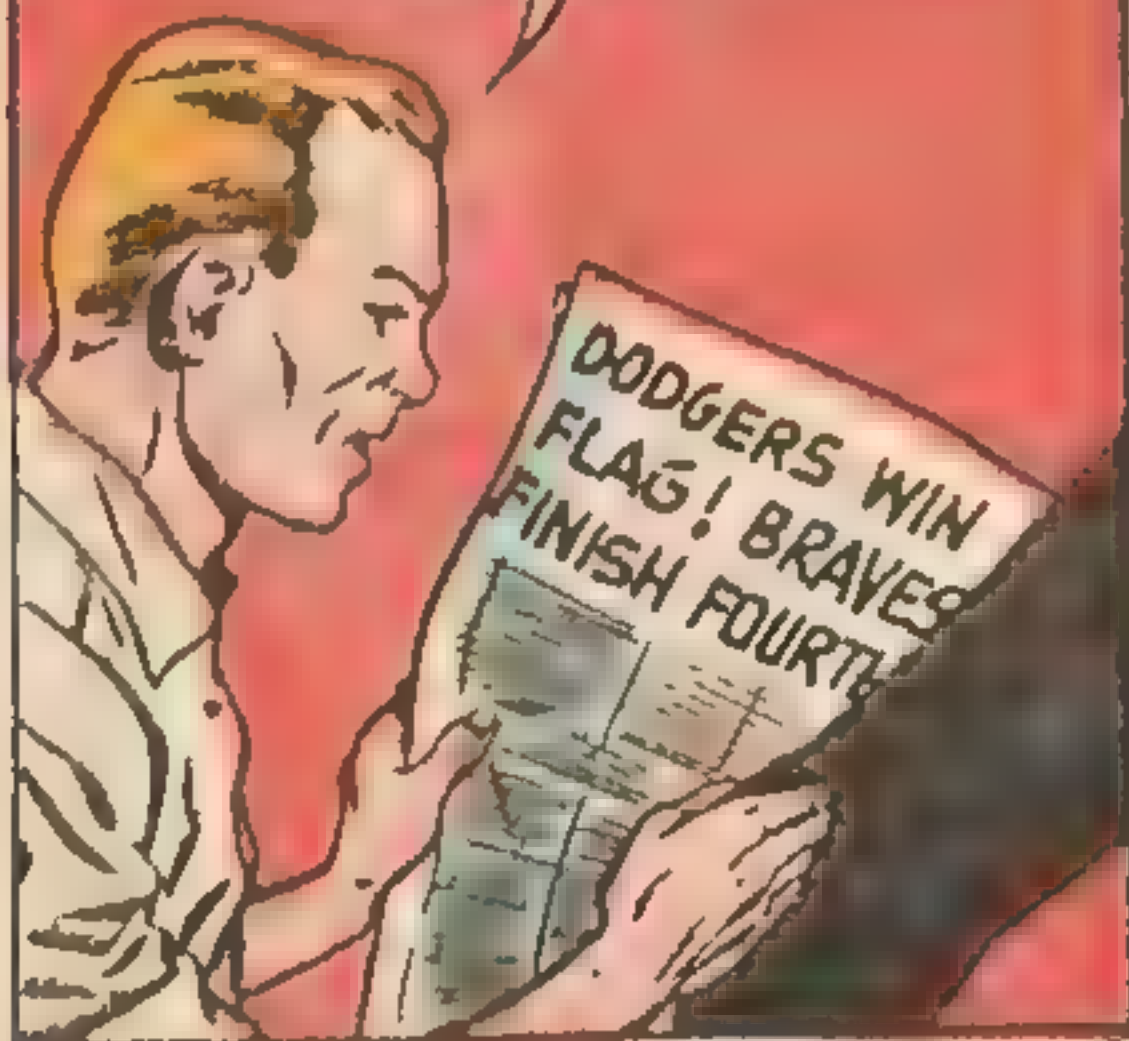
THE DOCTORS ORDERED ME HOME FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON, BOYS. JOHNNY COONEY'LL MANAGE THE TEAM!

THAT'S TOO BAD, BILLY!

GOODBYE, BILLY.



AND AS THE 1949 SEASON ENDED....
WELL, WE BEAT OUT LEO'S GIANTS ANYHOW. THEY FINISHED IN FIFTH PLACE!

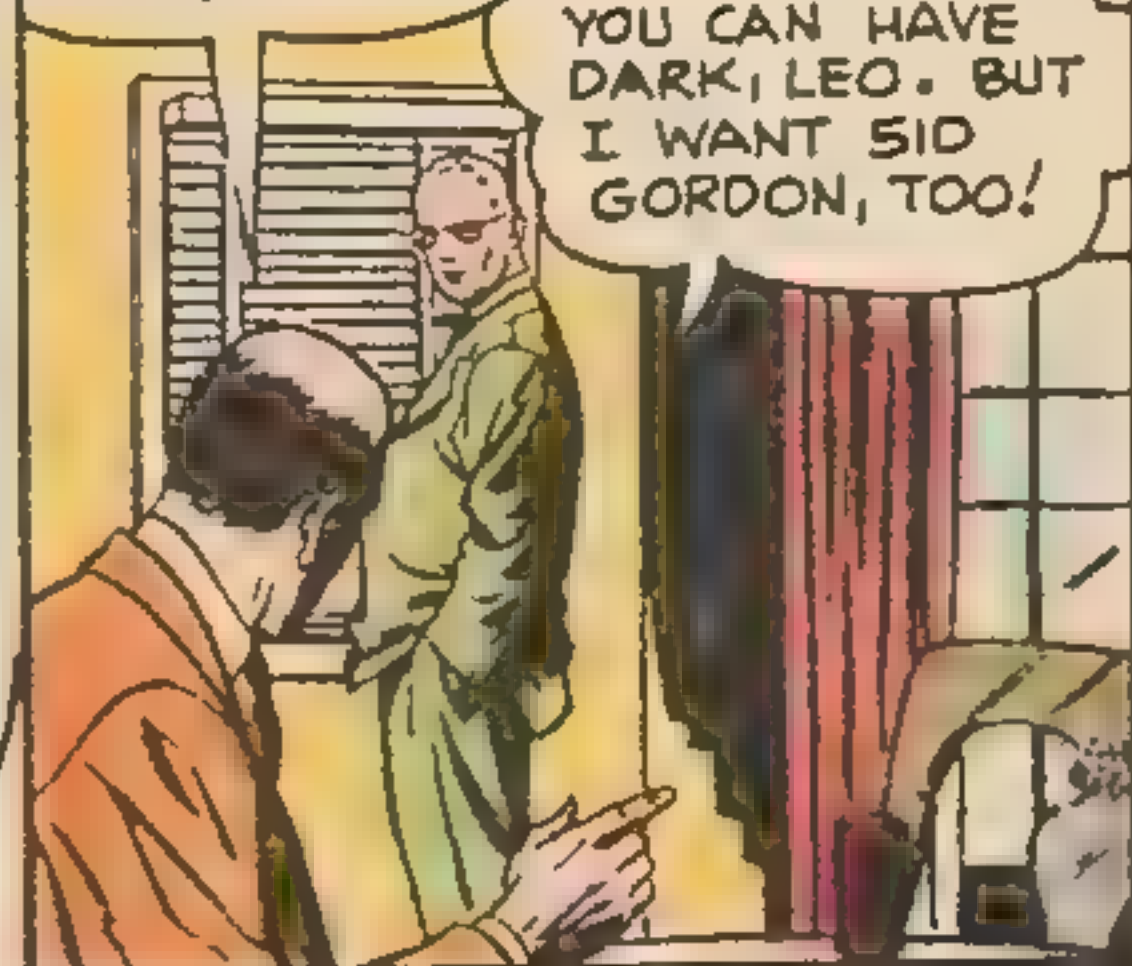


EDDIE'S 1949 RECORD

BATTING285
SLUGGING358
BASES ON BALLS... 113
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AT THE WINTER BASEBALL MEETINGS THAT DECEMBER, LEO DUROCHER TALKED TRADE WITH BILLY SOUTHWORTH!

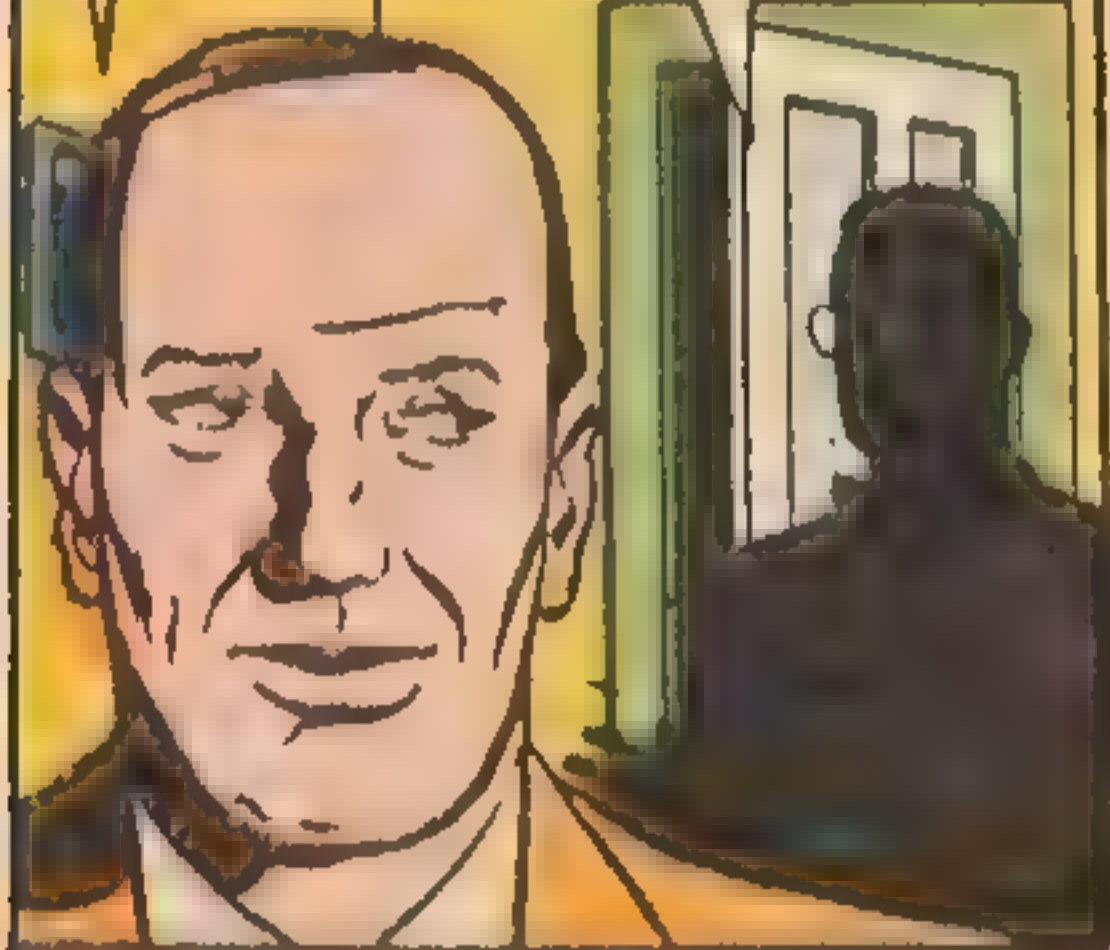
I WANT THAT YOUNG SHORT-STOP OF YOURS, ALVIN DARK, BILLY. I'LL GIVE YOU KERR AND MARSHALL.



YOU CAN HAVE DARK, LEO. BUT I WANT SID GORDON, TOO!

GORDON? HE'S A HARD HITTER! NOTHING DOING UNLESS I GET STANKY!

BUT STANKY'S A KEY MAN, LEO. WELL..... MAYBE...



FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER, LEO TELEPHONED MOBILE!

EDDIE, YOU'RE ON THE GIANTS NOW! HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT PLAYING FOR ME AGAIN?



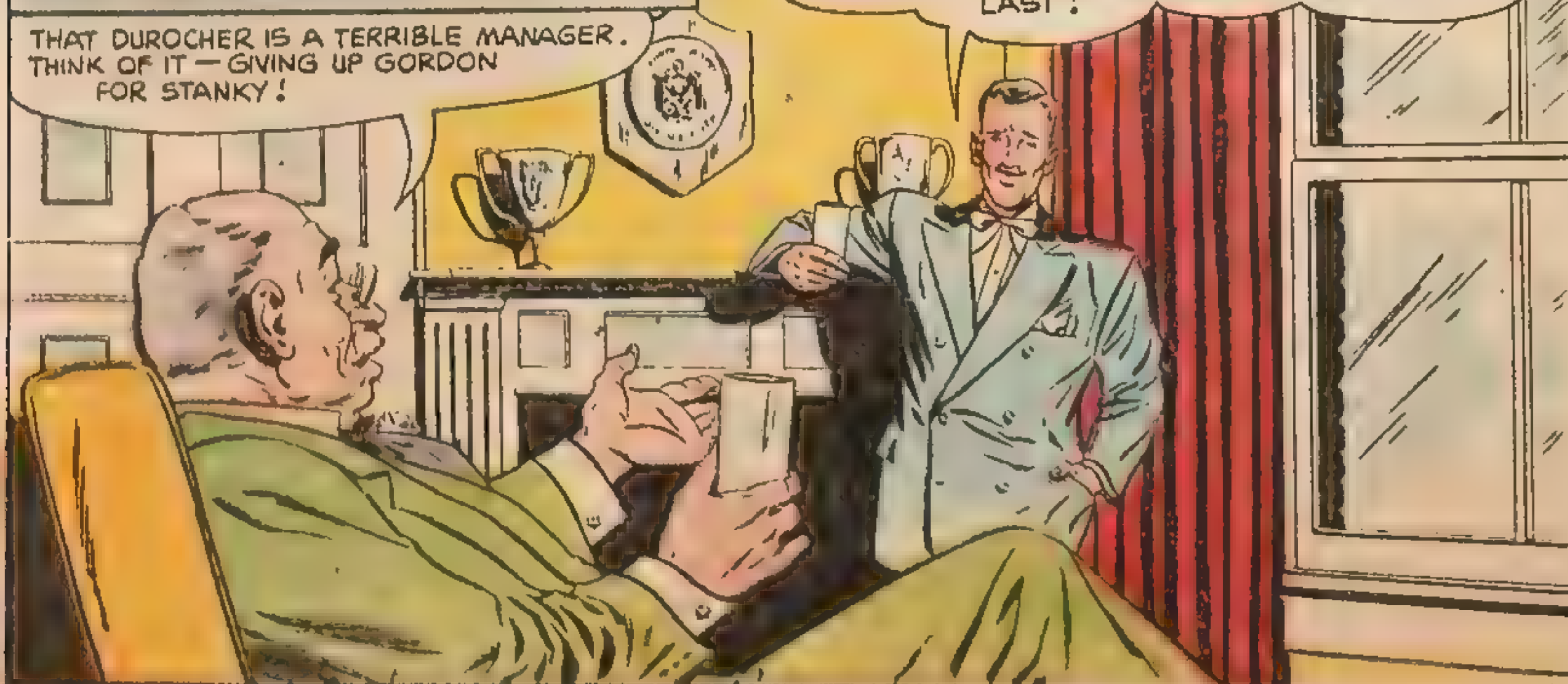
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY I KNOW HOW TO PLAY BALL, LEO, HARD FIGHTING, TEAM BALL. JUST TELL ME WHAT TO DO—AND I'LL DO IT!



GIANT FANS WERE SHOCKED BY THE DEAL.

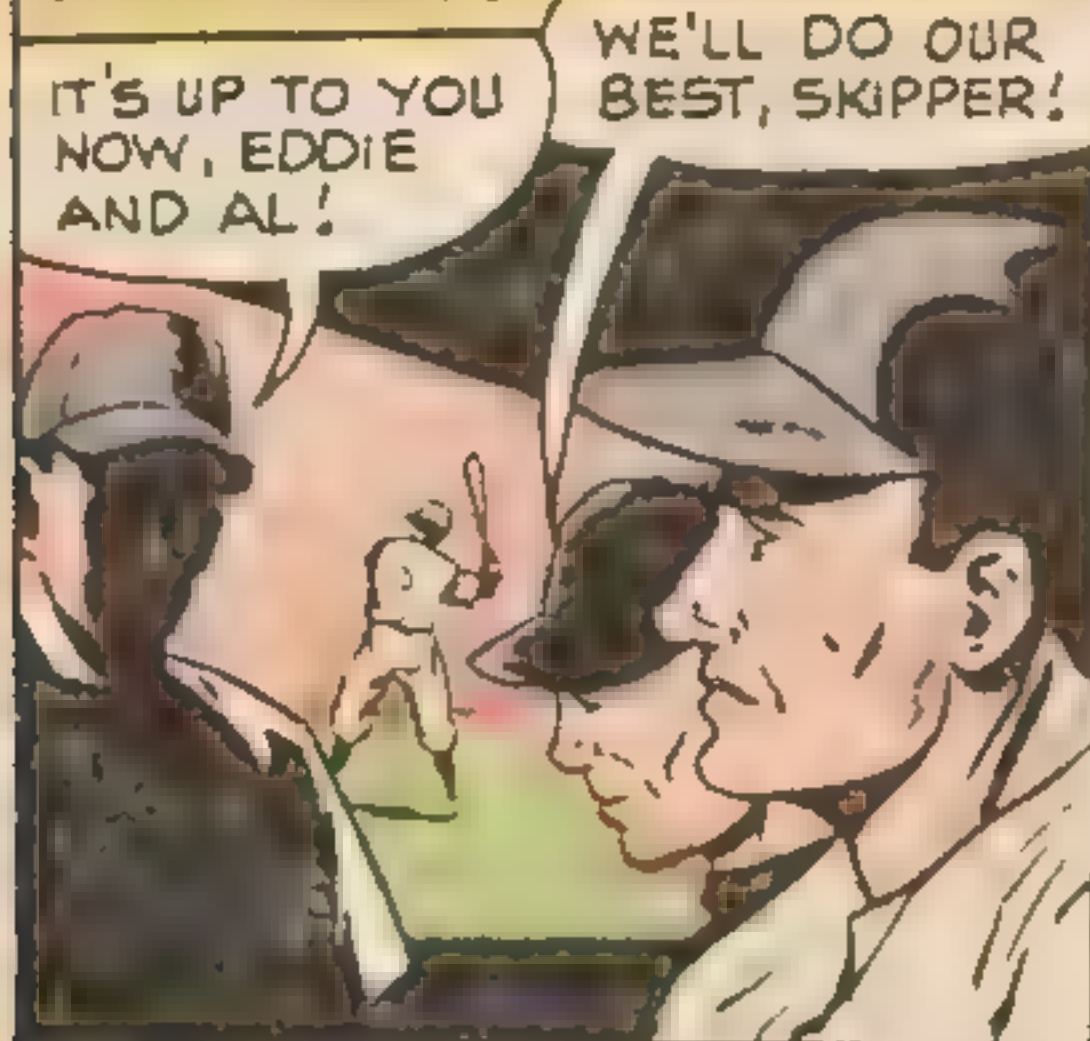
THAT DUROCHER IS A TERRIBLE MANAGER. THINK OF IT—GIVING UP GORDON FOR STANKY!

STANKY'S ALL WASHED UP! THE GIANTS'LL FINISH LAST!



EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO

AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, THE BRAVES MET THE GIANTS IN THE OPENING GAME IN 1950 AT THE POLO GROUNDS. JUST BEFORE THE GAME BEGAN, LEO TALKED TO HIS NEW SECOND BASE COMBINATION, ALVIN DARK AND EDDY STANKY!



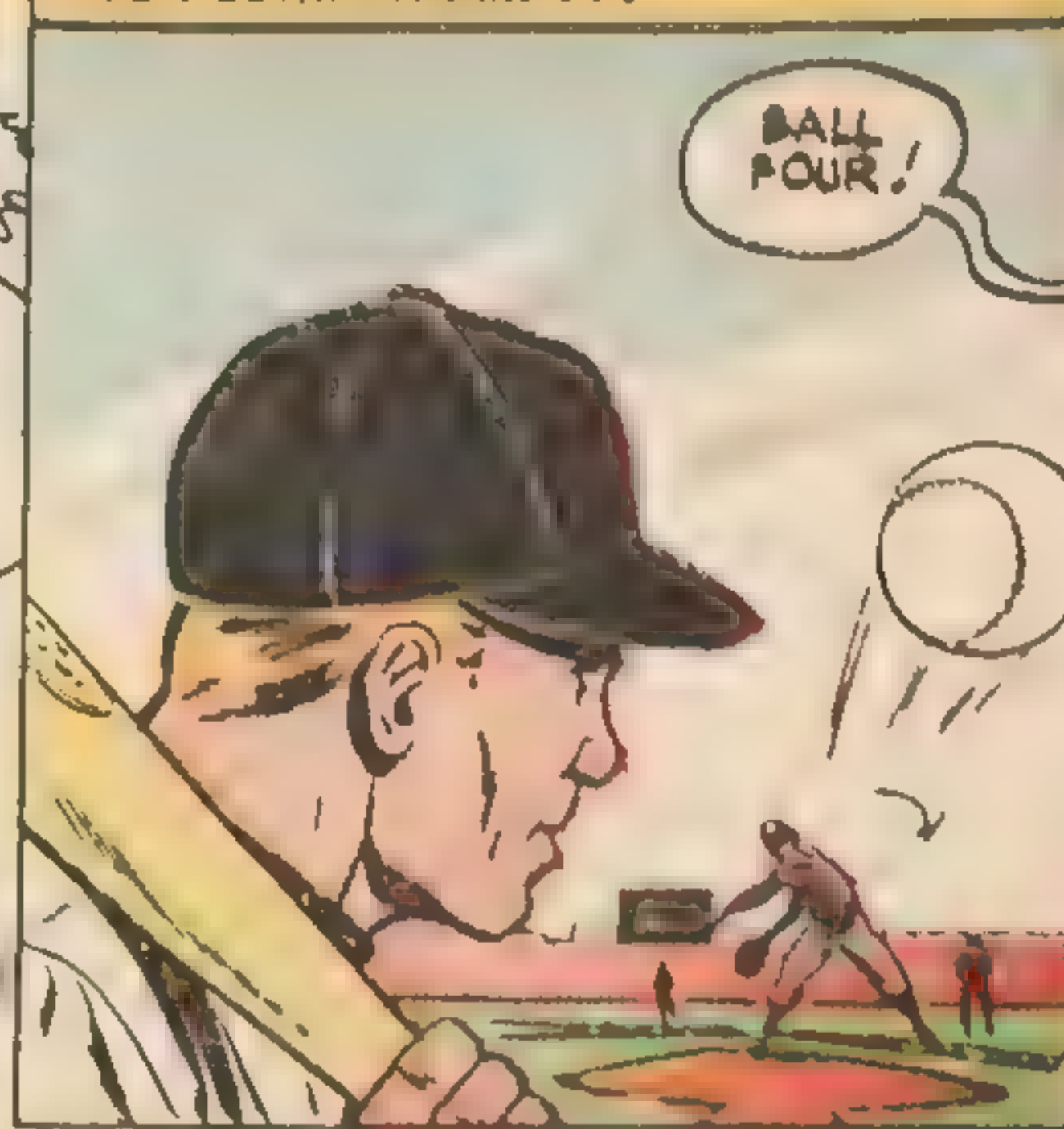
THE BRAVES WERE RETIRED IN THE FIRST INNING. THEN EDDIE CAME UP FOR THE FIRST TIME AS A GIANT!

NEXT BATTER WILL BE EDDIE STANKY, NUMBER TWELVE!

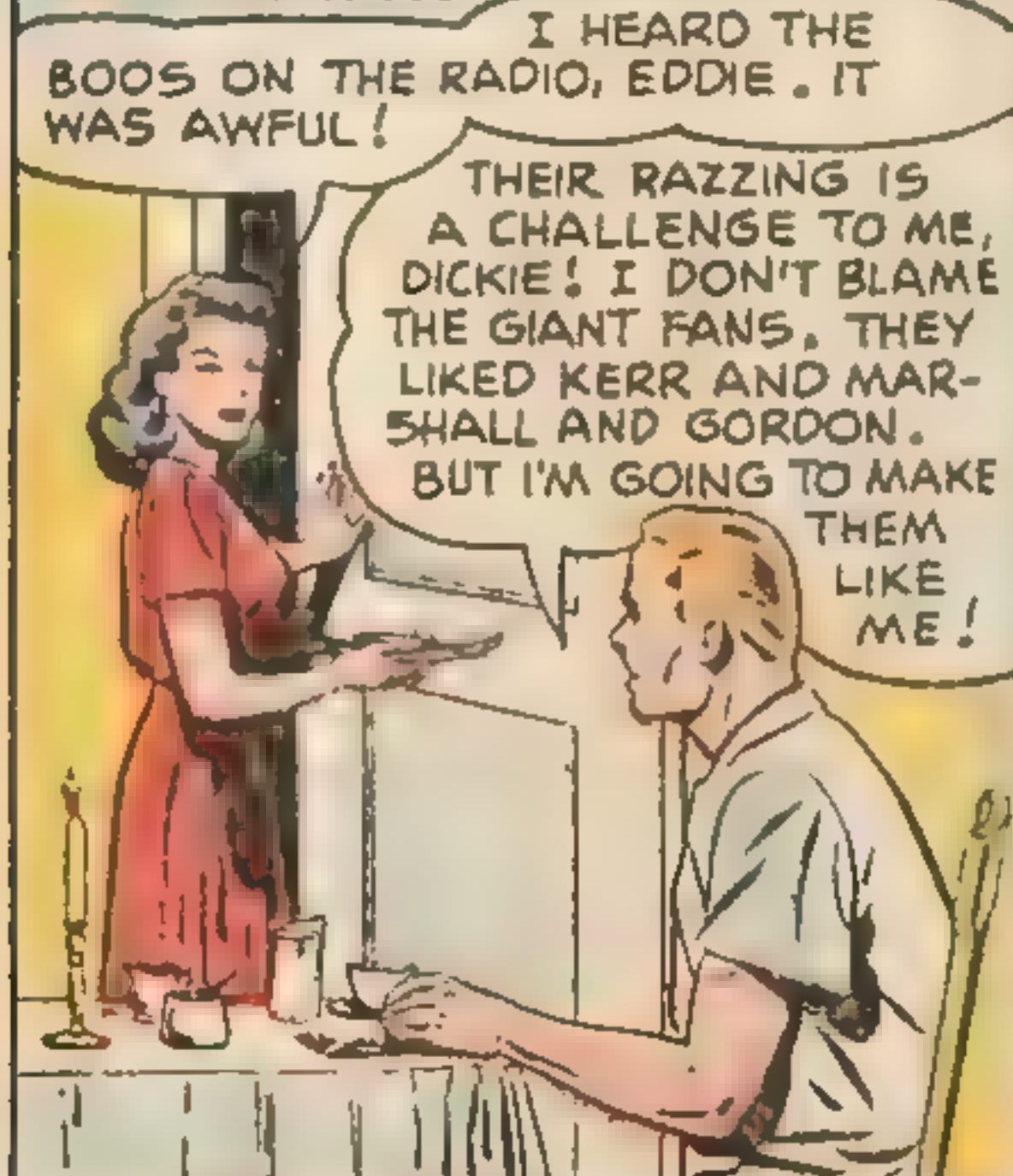
BOO! BLAH! BACK TO BOSTON, YA BUM! BOO!



EDDIE FACED WARREN SPAHN, THE BRAVES' ACE SOUTHPAW AND...



THAT EVENING, IN EDDIE'S APARTMENT...

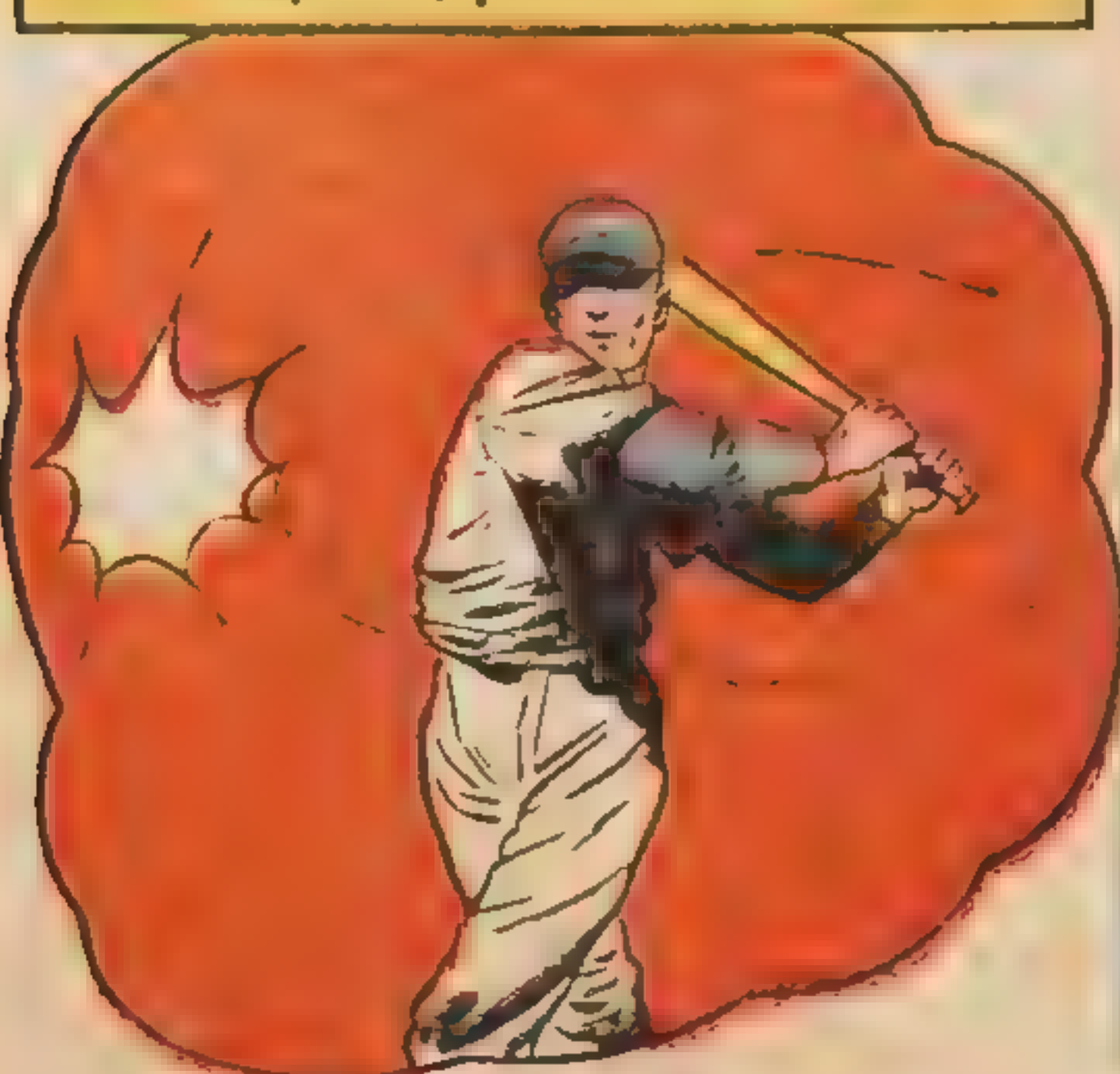


THE GIANT TEAM, COMPOSED OF MANY NEW PLAYERS, LOST SEVEN STRAIGHT GAMES.

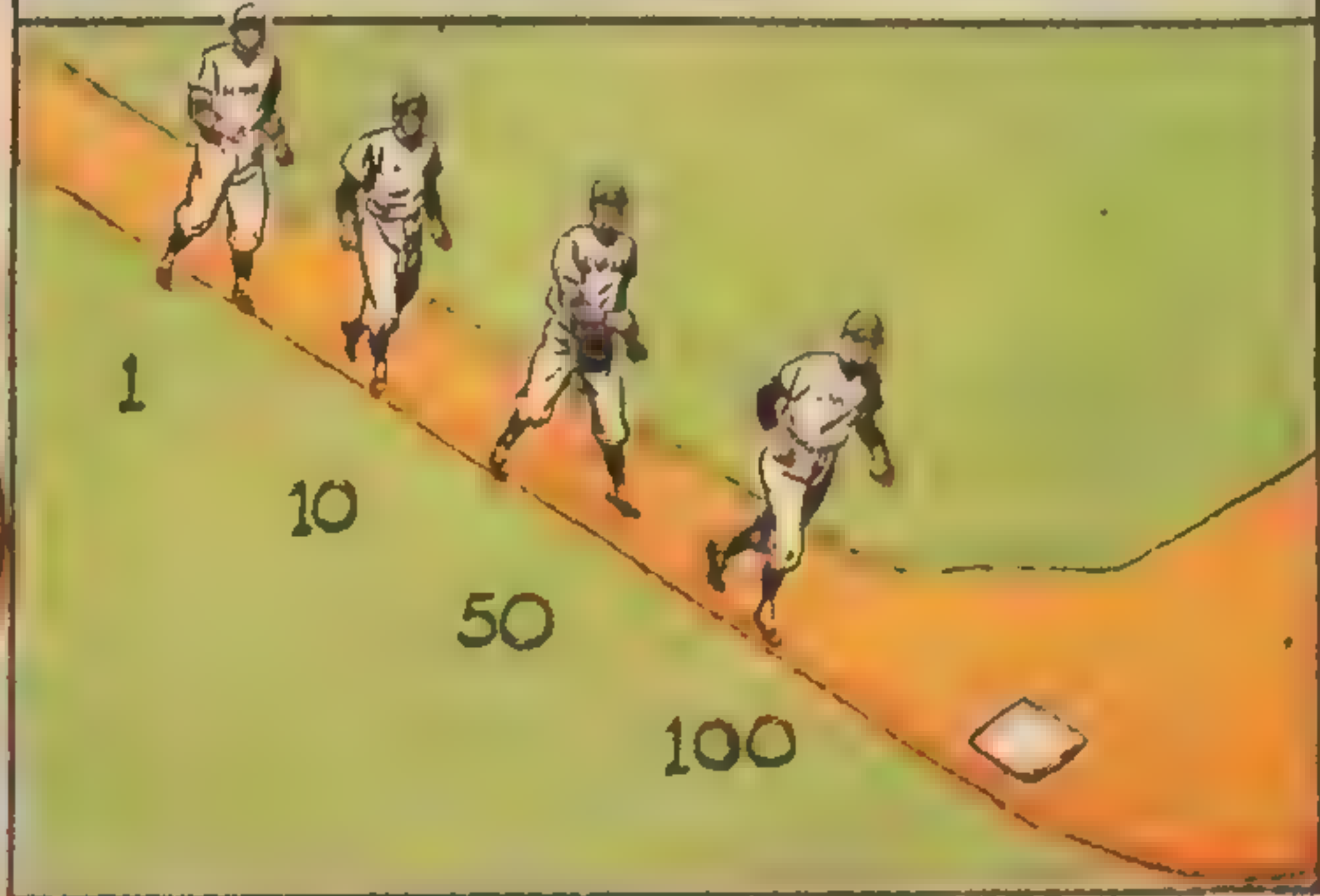


THE NEXT DAY, EDDIE MADE A MIRACLE STOP AND AN IMPOSSIBLE THROW TO CUT OFF A SURE HIT AND SEND THE GIANTS INTO EXTRA INNINGS AGAINST THE CUBS.

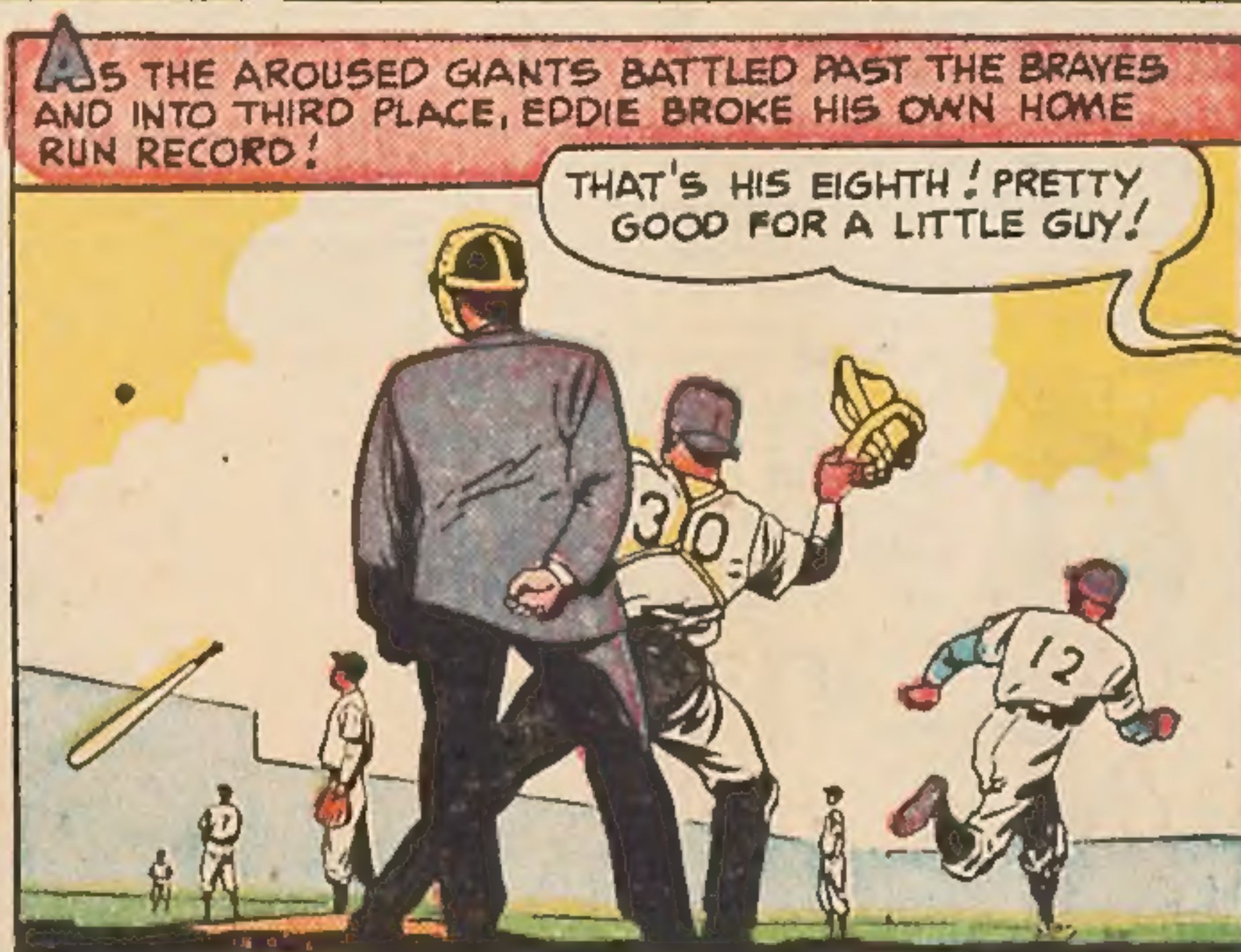
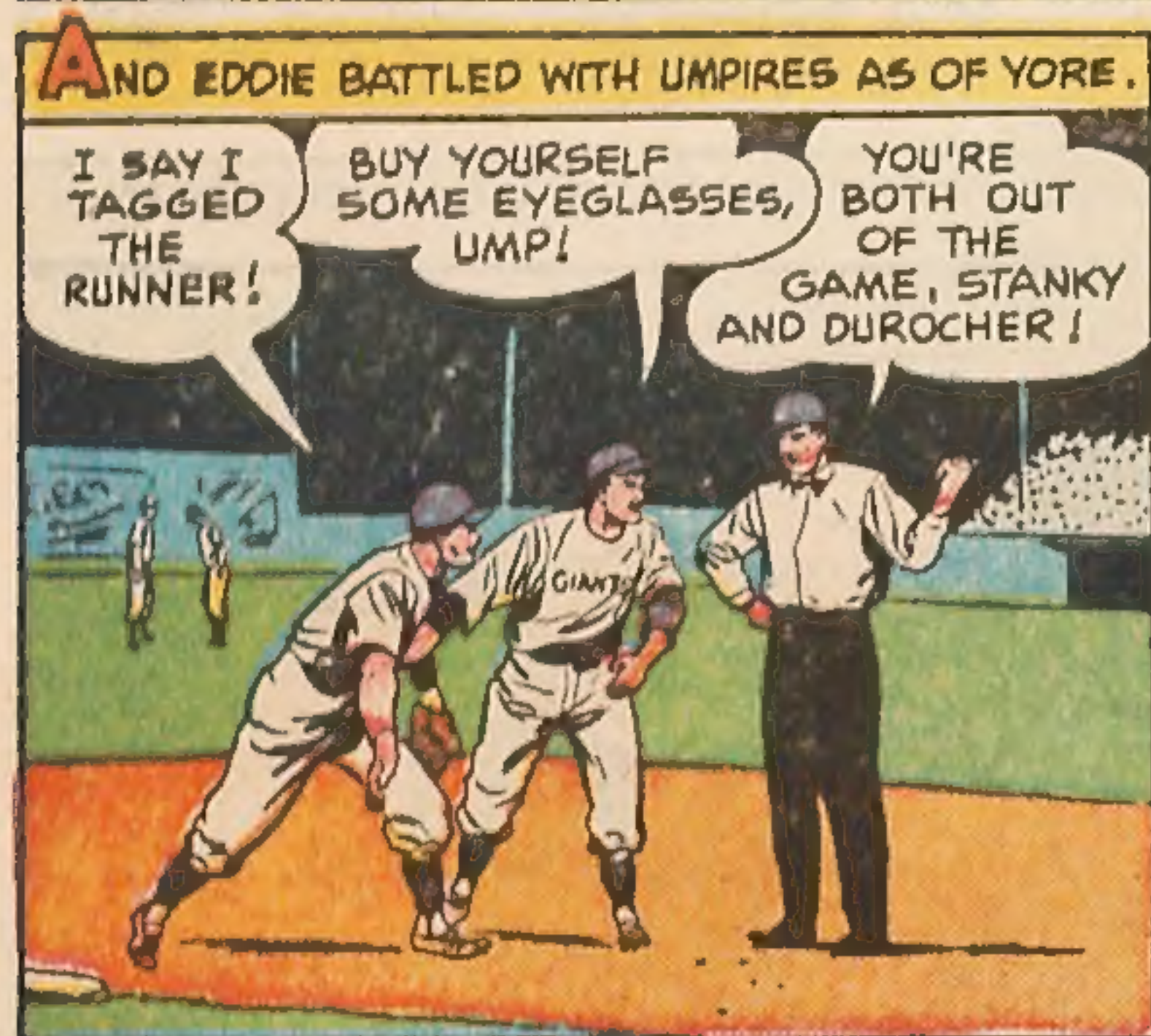
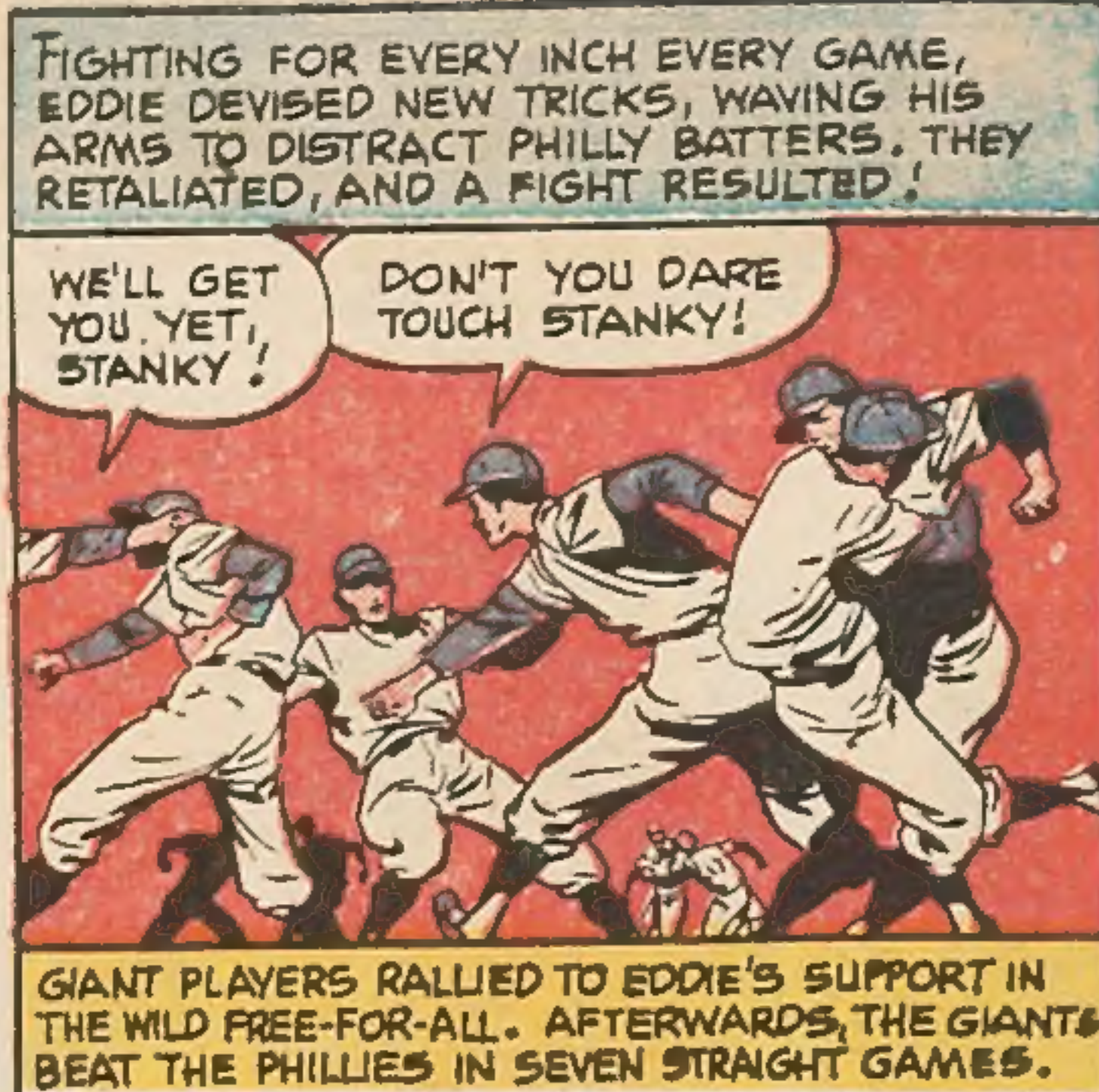
THEN EDDIE'S ELEVENTH INNING SINGLE BROKE THE TIE, GIVING THE GIANTS THEIR FIRST 1950 WIN, 3 TO 2!



DAY AFTER DAY EDDIE AMAZED THE BASEBALL WORLD WITH HIS UNCANNY ABILITY TO WORK BASES ON BALLS. HE PASSED THE 100 MARK IN AUGUST!



EDDIE STANKY, BASEBALL HERO



TODAY, AT 33, FIERY EDDIE STANKY, THE SELF-MADE STAR, IS TRIUMPHANT AT LAST, LOVED BECAUSE OF HIS INDOMITABLE SPIRIT, HIS TIRELESS ZEAL TO WIN ---- AN HEROIC LITTLE GUY IN A BIG MAN'S GAME.

EDDIE'S GREAT GIANT YEAR---1950!

AT BAT	527
RUNS	115
HITS	158
TOTAL BASES	217
DOUBLES	25
TRIPLES	5
HOMERS	8
WALKS	144 *
DOUBLE PLAYS	128 **
BATTING AVERAGE	.300
SLUGGING AVERAGE ...	.412
FIELDING AVERAGE	.976

* LED LEAGUE

** SECOND IN LEAGUE

To my fans
everywhere:



I have always tried to play baseball to the hilt, because I like to win. And I know that you, like me, get a thrill when your team noses out the opposing team in a smashing ninth-inning rally.

But the greatest thrill of my life really came my way last season when the Polo Ground fans told me how much they appreciated my efforts to help the Giants. Their cheers were sweet music to my ears, as sweet as the boos I have heard on the road when the loyal fans in other cities acknowledged that we Giants were out to lick their favorites.

Fight to win! That's my motto. Give everything you've got to the game! Play it hard and smart until the last man is out! That's baseball . . . and that is life! In closing, always remember, fans: It isn't the size of the dog in the fight; but the size of the fight in the dog, that counts.

Eddie Stanky



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